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COMMENT OF THE DAY

America And Indo-China

WHAT M. Rene Mayer had to say recently on what he called the "misunderstood war" in Indo-China was both pithy and eloquent. By the efflux of time and the neglect of opportunity the war in Indo-China has become a common undertaking on the part of the Western world. Nor can it be isolated. This much has been acknowledged by the North Atlantic Council, and the high priority which the United States is giving to war supplies for Indo-China is testimony to the fact that the US is in full concurrence with the Allied resolution. The Eisenhower Administration has declared itself more than willing to shoulder its proper share of the burden. If there is one piece of evidence more than another that Indo-China is part of the common struggle, it has been provided by Premier Mayer. He cited a recent action by the Communist regime in Peking in setting up a so-called "autonomous government of the Thai nationalities of Yunnan"—China's southwestern province. The "government" is, as he said, a political monstrosity. It is obviously intended by the Chinese Communists "to become a magnetic pole to attract Laotians, Siamese, and the Thai tribes of China and Indo-China into one group." Whether or not the Chinese succeed will depend upon Western policy in the East more than upon Chinese policy. Mao Tse-tung clearly hopes to build up China to the place which imperial China once occupied in Asia—as a sun surrounded by tributary satellites. But if the West is able to play its cards properly, that aim could be frustrated.

AMERICA'S acceptance of the North Atlantic Council's conception of the long-term implications of the war in Indo-China and her willingness to help bring it to a successful end are completely sincere. Nevertheless public opinion in the United States undoubtedly is suspicious of what is considered to be French colonialism in that country. Moreover it is felt in the United States that action on the part of the French government in line with the realities of the day has been laggard, and this has done little to allay popular American suspicions. It is perfectly obvious that the French are not yet abreast of requirements. They appear always to be interposing themselves between the United States and the Viet Nam. This may in part be explained by the fear that Bao Dai has not the toughness or even the leadership to withstand the blandishments of the Communists if he is allowed a substantive role. In which case, the Americans argue, somebody else should be chosen for it. And another principle will probably govern American aid in Indo-China. It is the principle to which the Administration is adhering in relation to Korea. That principle is to base all policy upon the promotion of disengagement from front-line fighting as soon as possible (in the event of another breakdown in the armistice talks). Premier Mayer has agreed that some such principle should be the guide in Indo-China. "The essential problem," he has said, "is to enlist the aid of local populations organized in their own national armies." The trouble in the past has been that America and France have come to a common agreement on conditions of aid—only to have the agreement subject to different interpretations when the time has come for implementation.

TOP LEVEL BIG POWERS MEETING

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Spectacular Queen's Birthday Parade

Rebels Threaten Whole Of Laos

Ilanoi, Apr. 20. Vietnamese insurgent forces, numbering at least thirty thousand, threaten the security of the whole Indo-Chinese state of Laos, a French briefing officer said here tonight.

For the second successive night the French briefing officer said the full Vietnamese division which smashed its way into Laos from the East was "somewhere around the Plaine des Jarres"—on which the French Union forces were earlier said to be retreating, after abandoning the post of Sam Neua last week.

The Plaine des Jarres, in Central Laos, has been regarded as a major position where the French Union forces may make a stand.

This last moving Vietnamese force, described as numbering about 10,000 in Friday's French communiqué, is the eastern prong of a new three-pronged Communist offensive biting into the State from Tonkin.

"SOMEWHERE NORTH"

The briefing officer said tonight that the Vietnamese force which obliged the French Union defenders to evacuate the mountain base of Sam Neua were "somewhere to the north of the Plaine des Jarres".

A third Vietnamese force, which had crossed the northern border of Laos, was "south of Dien Bien Phu (border town in Tonkin) where they have made some contact with our troops".

The only details given in tonight's briefing on this vital Laos campaign were that further remnants of the Sam Neua command, which began its retreat from this outpost 130 miles West of Ilanoi a week ago, had reached a safe area, and that air strikes had bombed enemy positions in Laos today.

It was reported here on Saturday that the 200 French troops who garrisoned Sam Neua, first Laos base to fall to the Vietnamese rebels, had reached the French position on the Plaine des Jarres. Their five-day march of nearly 100 miles through dense jungle won the commendation of High Command officers.

Tonight's official communiqué said merely:

"Activity is normal and reconnaissance has been carried out throughout the area."—Reuter.

Statement In Commons GOODWILL PROCESSES MAY BE AT WORK

London, Apr. 20. The Prime Minister, Mr Winston Churchill, said today he hoped that Soviet peace overtures would lead to a Big Powers' meeting at the highest levels—presumably including President Eisenhower, Premier Georgi Malenkov and himself.

Mr Churchill, the only surviving member of the wartime "Big Three", made the statement in the House of Commons in endorsing the peace proposal speech of President Eisenhower last Thursday as a "bold and inspiring initiative by the President of the United States."

He warned against doing anything to discourage the Soviet Union in pursuing her overtures.

"I trust that nothing will be said here or elsewhere which will check or chill the processes of goodwill which may be at work and my hope is that presently it will lead to conversations on the highest levels even if informal and private between some of the principal powers concerned," he said.

ALLEGED SPIES ARRESTED

Vienna, Apr. 20. United States forces in Austria have arrested eleven alleged members of a spy ring working for Czechoslovakia and Russia, it was officially announced here today.

An official United States army statement alleged that Walter Hieselmair and Henryk Czurcuk had confessed to collecting military information in the Linz and Weis areas in Upper Austria and handing it to the leader of a Czechoslovak intelligence ring operating from Urfahr, in the Russian zone.

Josef Wala Schek and Ernst Blahn were arrested for similar activities in Vienna and had confessed to working for representatives of this same Urfahr espionage ring, the statement alleged.

The trials of these people before a United States Civil Court are expected within the next few weeks, the statement said.—Reuter.

Disappointment For Yoshida

Paris, Apr. 20. French diplomatic quarters said tonight that Japanese Liberal leader Shigeru Yoshida seemed unlikely to form a fifth cabinet after the general election in Japan.

The quarters attributed the losses of the Right wing parties and gains of the Leftwing Socialists partly to the recent "Soviet peace offensive"—Reuter.

Mother's Faith Justified

Capetown, Apr. 20. A South African mother wrote in her diary two weeks ago "I am quite sure Reg is alive". Today she heard that the one South African prisoner of war released in Korea this morning was her son, 2nd Lieutenant E. Gasson.

With no news of him for 10 months Mrs Gasson of East London, Cape Province, added in her diary a note: "But I am afraid to tell Fred (Mr Gasson) because he will just think I am trying to build up his hopes".

Last August Mr Gasson went to Japan as a Red Cross representative hoping to trace his son who had been shot down in flames over 10 months ago. But he had no success. Mrs Gasson quietly stuck to her belief that her son was still alive and wrote every month to him. Her faith was justified this morning when a cable arrived for her and her husband—"just released. Kept fit all time!"—Reuter.

Canadian Shipping Ban

Ottawa, Apr. 20. The Canadian Government has moved to prohibit merchant shipping from calling at ports on the mainland of China or the coast of North Korea.

Minister of Transport, Lester B. Pearson, today tabled in the Canadian House of Commons an order in Council passed under the Emergency Powers Act stating that after today no Canadian shipping will be permitted to call at ports on the mainland of China or North Korea, except under licence.—Reuter.



The Commissioner of Police, Sir Harold Scott, KCB, riding Angela, the grey mare which he will ride ahead of the Queen's Coach in the Coronation procession on June 2. In the past, the Commissioner has ridden Norton, a grey gelding, but Angela, 10 years old, is now considered more suitable for these exacting ceremonial occasions.—London Express.

Russia Supports Burma Complaint

United Nations, Apr. 20. Russia puts its full support today behind Burma's complaint against the presence of 12,000 Nationalist Chinese irregulars on its soil.

The Soviet delegate, Georgi Zarubin, told the United Nations Political Committee that the General Assembly should take steps "to put an end to acts of aggression of which the Kuomintang group is guilty."

Burma has asked the United Nations to brand the Formosa regime as aggressor.

The complaint concerns a nondescript army of irregulars, the hard core of which fled into Burma when the Chinese Communists overran the China mainland under the command of Lieut-General Li Mi.

The Chinese Nationalists contend that they have no control over this army but they admit that Chiang Kai-shek's Government "has some influence" with Li Mi.

New Zealand's Leslie Knox Munro forewarned a possible Communist revolution when he told the Committee, "We wonder whether the opinion of a resolution urging the withdrawal of troops and request the Government of China to use its influence might not be the best means of settling the dispute."

US PROPOSAL

Mr Munro, who was the first Western Power delegate to speak in the two-day-old debate, quoted dispatches from Rangoon in which the United States Ambassador, Mr William Sebald, had approached the Burmese Prime Minister with a proposal for settling the dispute.

According to these dispatches Mr Sebald urged that the Burmese Army halt its campaign against the Chinese Nationalist irregulars in exchange for which the United States "promised" to use its influence with the Formosan Government to have the troops withdrawn.

"We should take note of that," Mr Munro said. "This should have some bearing on the course we shall take."

Although Russia pledged full support to Burma's own resolution demanding that Chiang Kai-shek's Government be indicted for "aggression" the Soviet approach appeared to be lukewarm.

The Russians kept their first-line delegate, Mr Andrei Vyshinsky, out of the debate and pointedly—perhaps in line with their "peace" campaign—avoided any invective against the United States whose planes Burma already has charged the irregulars are using.

Mr Munro said there was no doubt that aggression existed in Burma, but he remarked that condemning Nationalist China for it, as demanded by the Burmese, would bring no results.

He said the important thing was to settle the dispute, which he acknowledged posed a threat to peace in Southeast Asia and was a matter of grave concern to New Zealand.

Hongkong officially celebrated the birthday of Her Majesty the Queen this morning with a Combined Services Parade and March Past in Kowloon. The weather was overcast, cool and threatening rain, but this did not detract from the spectacular nature of the occasion and huge holiday crowds turned out for it.

The salute at the March Past was taken by His Excellency the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, who with Lady Grantham was accompanied on the official dais, erected outside the Club de Recreio in Gascoigne Road, by His Excellency the Commander British Forces, Lt-Gen. Sir Terence Airey, KCMG, CB, CBE, and the Commanders of the Three Services.

Thousands of people from both sides of the harbour, taking advantage of the public holiday, lined the route and crowded round the saluting base to watch the feu de joie and the Parade, in two columns—marching and mechanised—moved via Nathan Road, and Chatham Road to Gascoigne Road, past the Saluting Base, and on to Argyle Street.

The crowds were thrilled by the sight of thousands of Servicemen, marching in strict time to their rousing Regimental tunes, and by the display of guns and armoured vehicles which followed with the mechanised column. Many waved greetings to their friends and relations marching with the Hongkong Defence Force and the Chinese Training Unit.

His Excellency the Governor arrived at the dais promptly at 9.30 a.m. and was received by The Commander British Forces, and by Commodore H. G. Dickinson, Maj-Gen. R. C. Cruddas and Air Commodore R. C. Field.

FEU DE JOIE

A feu de joie in honour of Her Majesty was fired by the 1st Battalion Royal Ulster Rifles, formed up opposite the dais, and the Royal Salute of 21 guns, by the 25 Field Regiment, RA.

There was a deathly silence from the huge crowd as the first volley of the feu de joie was fired, followed by the first part of the National Anthem. After the second volley the latter part of the Anthem was played, and after the third volley the whole Anthem. Troops on parade, and the thousands who lined the route, then joined in three cheers for Her Majesty.

The Parade, which had formed up in Chatham Road, then marched, past His Excellency the Governor in two columns, one marching and one mechanised, and each unit marched past to its own Regimental March.

A detachment of the Royal Navy led the first column, comprised of contingents from HM ships Cassack, Crane, Opossum and Modeste, and HMS Tamar, marching to the traditional naval "Hearts of Oak".

They were followed by a squadron from 24 Field Engineer Regiment, RE, and (Gurkha) Field Squadron from 50 Field Engineer Regiment, RE. The 1st Battalion The Dorset Regiment followed to the rousing "Maid of Glenasmole", followed by the 1st Battalion The Wiltshire Regiment, and 81 Troop RASC (Pack Transport).

There was a special cheer for the 30 dogs of the Army Guard Dog Unit, and later for their Royal Air Force equivalents, the RAF Police Dogs, who passed with their handlers.

A detachment of the Hongkong Chinese Training Unit followed, marching to their appropriate tune "Soldiers of the Queen", and they were followed in turn by Squadrons 28 and 80 of the Royal Air Force, and No 94 Squadron Royal Air Force Regiment (Malaya).

DEFENCE FORCE

Bringing up the rear of the marching column was the Royal Hongkong Defence Force, made up of detachments from the Hongkong Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, the Hongkong Auxiliary Air Force, the Artillery Battalion, the Reconnaissance Platoon, Home Guard, Hongkong Women's Naval Volunteer Reserve, Hongkong Women's Auxiliary Army Corps, and the Hongkong Women's Auxiliary Air Force.

The mechanised column was followed by Lt-Col M.J. Woolcombe in his own Regiment, the 7th Royal Tanks. The 14 Field Regiment RA, comprising the 1st (Blazers) Field Battery, the 6th (Gibraltar) Field Battery and the 13th (Mediterranean) Field Battery, followed.

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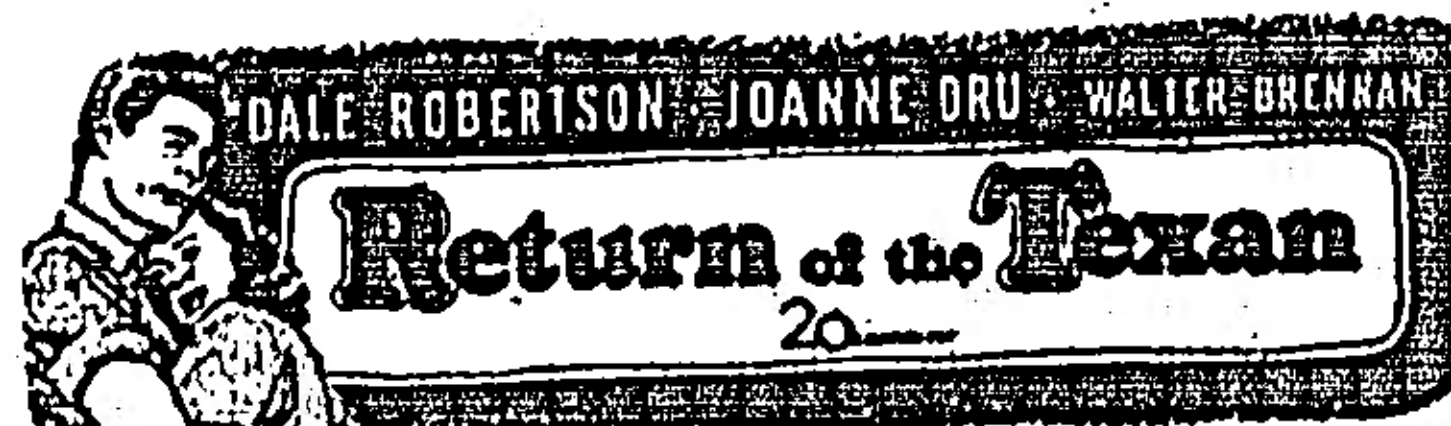
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**UNCIVIL
WAR SPLITS
PEARLIES**London, Apr. 20.
The threatened break among London's "pearlies" is now an established fact.

Fred Tinsley, chief of the South London pearlys, is forming an organisation of his own, independent of the Pearly Kings and Queens Association of long standing.

Sixty-year-old Fred thinks the line of succession for "sovereignty" is being flouted. A North London pearly has been chosen by the association as its next leader.

Fred maintains that his 10-year-old grandson should be ruler — or at least ruler-elect until he is old enough to assume the crown.

"A lot of pearlys are upset at the way things are going," he said.

"There have been — harsh words and we want to stop it. I could say a lot about the new association, but my pals have asked me not to."

There is a boom in beards among the British European Airways pilots.

More and more "skippers" are wearing beards—from the big black abundant type to trimmed silver goatees.

Said BEA Captain Johnny Weldon, owner of the biggest beard on Northolt Airport: "A bearded pilot gives passengers confidence, especially in bad weather. On a nasty day they would rather see a bearded captain at the controls."

Many of Captain Weldon's fellow pilots agree. Drake and Raleigh style is the favourite fashion.

San Francisco, Apr. 20.
Paul McNutt, former U.S. High Commissioner in the Philippines, and his wife left today for Manila aboard a Pan American clipper.

They are on a trip that will take them around the world by air. They are going to Manila on business and pleasure, and will continue to London for the Coronation.

Associated Press.

**Sponsored Television
Fight Looms
In Britain**

DEMAND BY THE B.B.C.

London, Apr. 20

Sponsored TV will get the go-ahead sign early next month. But before private enterprise pictures reach viewers, Britain's entertainment industries will be involved in the most bitter struggle they have ever known.

Already the B.B.C. is demanding more and more wavelengths, claiming the right to set up a second TV service of its own and grabbing precious air channels for development work.

The main fight will begin within five weeks when the Government's television advisory committee will lay down the technical conditions under which a forest of new TV stations can be set up all over Britain. By the time the Radio Show opens in August, manufacturers will have on view "extra-TV" adapters (£5 to £15 each) with which viewers will be able to tune in to non-B.B.C. programmes.

CROWDING THEM OUT
The new stations may be on the air by next year. And trouble is brewing already. For the B.B.C., fearful of the competition which will drag it of staff and reduce its revenues, is fighting hard to keep sponsored programmes off the air.

By demanding the extra wavelengths a d grabbing VHF (very high frequency) channels, the B.B.C. hopes to force private networks into the UHF (ultra high frequency) waveband.

And though the U.H.F. band is less crowded, it is the most expensive way of broadcasting.

MORE BANS
As well as all this, cinemas, theatres and sports promoters are all "gunning" for TV. More bans are expected as the new stations grow.

The full fury of the battle will become public as soon as the technical snags being discussed have been settled and details announced.

Then a special Government-sponsored "code of conduct committee" will be formed while the stations go up.

The Government have promised the B.B.C. that its own nation-wide network will be completed before the sponsored scramble begins. Only the present restrictions on spending are in the way.

WON'T WAIT
Sponsors, however, will not wait till the remaining B.B.C. stations are built and on the air. When the B.B.C. gets its "Go," the Government's promise will be fulfilled.

Equity, the actors' trade union, is asking the Government to rule that not less than 80 per cent of the entertainment transmitted by commercial television stations shall consist of British material.

This, says Equity in its annual report, will overcome "the danger that the greater part of the programme time will be taken up with foreign television or cinema films which can be sold cheaply in this country since they have already covered the cost of their production in America."

**Bottle Baron
In Australia**Adelaide, Apr. 20.
Over the years thirsty Aussies have dumped something like a million empty bottles along the 2,000-mile rail line from Perth to Adelaide.

English publisher, Sir Alan Lane, saw the bottles and thought he saw a fortune waiting for the man who brought them in for washing and re-sale.

Local bottle-hawkers raised no objection. But they told the enterprising knight, it would cost a double fortune to collect them. If Sir Alan was still interested, however, he might care to take a peek at the "glass mountain." It backs onto the Immaminka Hotel just north of Broken Hill. And interested locals compute that it comprises more than 600,000 bottles.

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Pasha Will
Chase The
Salmon**

London, Apr. 20.

The almost legendary Russell Pasha, the man who spent 40 years of his life catching drug traffickers all over the world, is home in England to devote the rest of his life to a different type of chase—salmon fishing.

In the quiet lounge of a London hotel, 73-year-old Sir Thomas Russell, as he is known in this country, recalled his adventures.

Then, as Commandant of the Cairo Police and head of the Central Narcotics Intelligence Bureau in Egypt, he undertook a crusade against drug trafficking and was responsible for the breaking up of world-wide gangs.

Puffing at an Egyptian cigarette — "the doctor allows me to have ten a day"—Russell Pasha spoke of heroin, "the drug that nearly killed Egypt," and the years of undercover work which was done to trace drugs back half-way across the world to their source.

His life has been a constant series of adventures—adventures with the vice gangs of Cairo, adventures with million-dollar drug barons, adventures in desert wastes, adventures with snake charmers.

His name became legend among smugglers and manufacturers of illegal drugs. The drug barons knew that if Russell Pasha caught one of their carriers, the source would be traced.

**Bees Join
The H-Bomb
Research**

New York, Apr. 20.

The United States Atomic Energy Commission have hired 600,000 honey bees to help hydrogen bomb research.

Scientists have found that some bees produce honey with a high concentration of deuterium — the heavy isotope of hydrogen that is an important constituent of the hydrogen bomb and some atomic reactors.

The "atomic bees," taken from apiaries in the Finger Lakes area of New York State, are said to have developed "a curious immunity" to large amounts of deuterium.

Scientists hope that the bees will prove capable of processing deuterium to make important tests.

**Russian Oak
For Britain?**

London, Apr. 20.

There are hopes that Russian oak may once again be reaching Britain, to augment supplies of Prussian and Yugoslavian timber, which are among the hard woods used in the making of fittings, kiln-drying, hogheads and all types of casings.

This is good news for Britain's coopers, for this timber is generally agreed to be unsurpassed for this work.

With the country's increasing consumption of wines, these craftsmen of the cask and barrel are being kept especially busy. "All our members are fully employed," an official of the National Association of Coopers, said.

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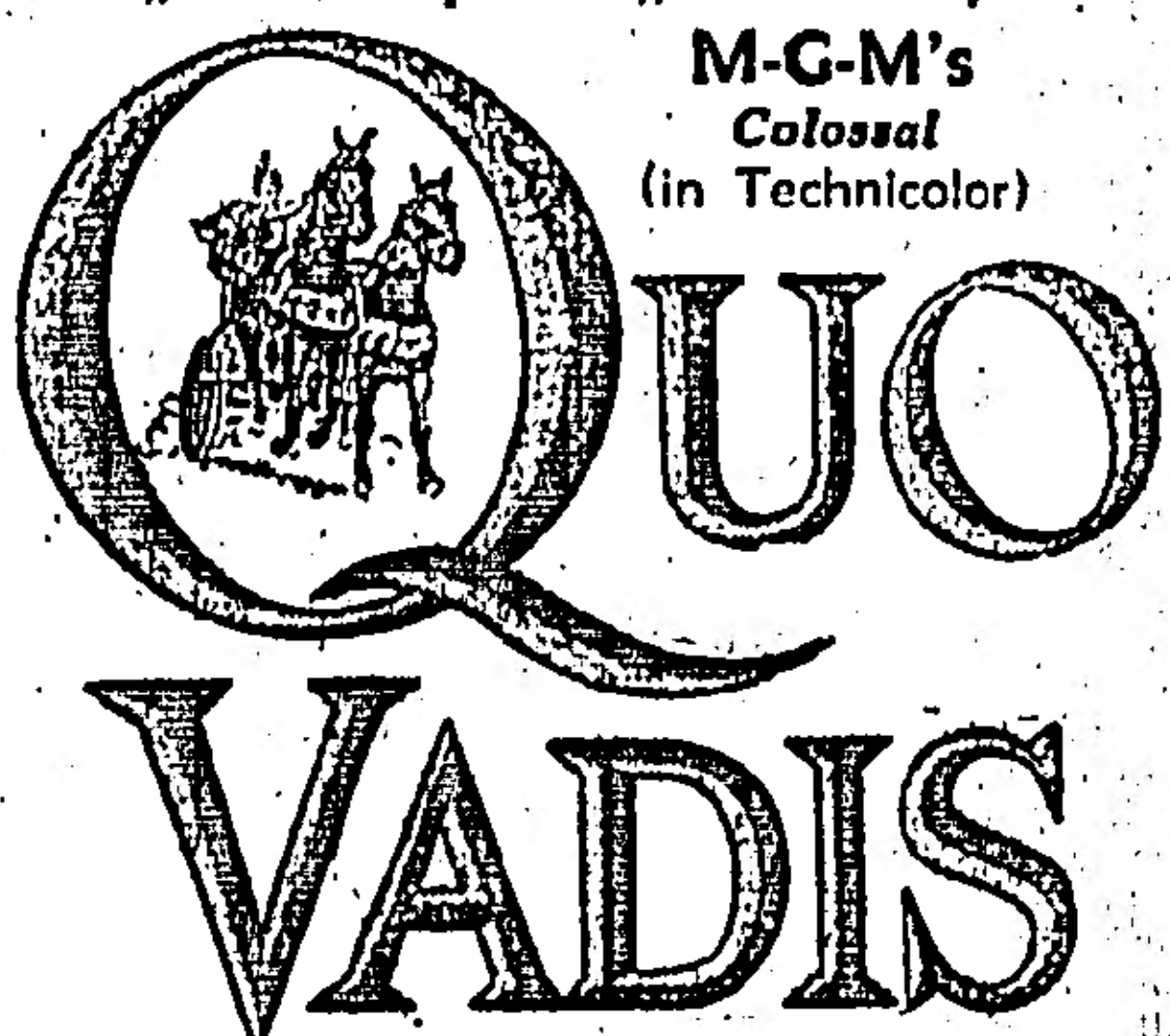
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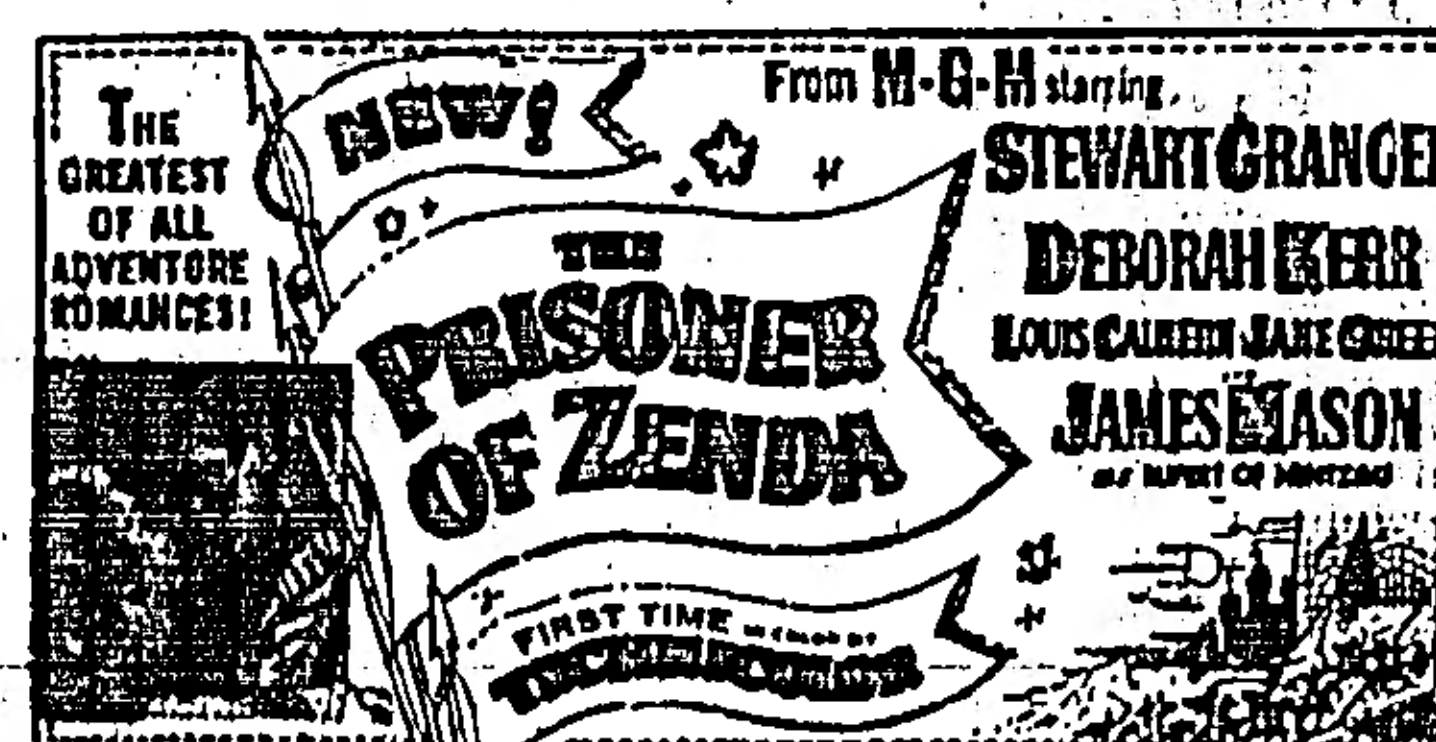
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Western Defence Policy

No Change Being Contemplated

London, Apr. 20. Latest speeches by Mr. Churchill, the Prime Minister, and the U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, make it clear neither government contemplates any major change in NATO defence policy after Soviet peace moves, diplomatic quarters consider.

Commenting today on the recent change in Russia's attitude in relations with the West, Mr. Churchill said, however, "it is too soon to consider any relaxation of our efforts for collective defence."

Reviewing Republican policy to date in Washington over the week-end, before leaving for Europe to attend next Thursday's Ministerial meeting of the NATO Council, Mr. Dulles said: "Nothing that has happened has induced in us a mood of relaxation or any desire to weaken NATO."

The most probable effect of a new and more conciliatory pattern of Soviet policy on the NATO military programme was expected here to be increased support for a long-term build-up of strength as against a short-term peak build-up.

Though the 14 NATO governments appear agreed that it would be unwise to read into Soviet moves more than a change of tactics, at least without evidence, this would be ground for a shift from a short-term to a long-term defence plan, it is thought here.

Observers in London stressed the wisdom of Mr. Churchill's view that the Soviet Government should not be expected to make an immediate reply to the considerable list of goodwill tests posed by Mr. Eisenhower last week. These included a settlement of the Austrian Treaty and genuine peace throughout the Far East.

It was noted here that Mr. Churchill posed only the establishment of a Korean truce as an immediate test of Soviet good faith.—Reuters.

Restrictions Explained

New Delhi, Apr. 20. The Nehru Government is restricting the number of Indians visiting the Iron Curtain countries in the interests of internal peace and tranquillity, Home Minister Kailash Nath Katju said. Replying to Communist members' criticisms that the Government was discriminating in the issue of passports to the "new Democracies in Europe and Asia," Mr. Katju said: "We do not want people to go out to learn the techniques of sabotaging the Government here."—Associated Press.

Anti-Religious Campaign In East Germany NEARING THE CLIMAX

Bonn, Apr. 20.

The Communist campaign against East German charitable and youth groups connected with the Catholic and Evangelical Churches seems to be reaching its climax.

According to reports from Eastern Germany, every effort is being made to interfere with the work and activities of the Church youth groups and with religious institutions such as the "Inner Mission."

Britons Are Reading More

London, Apr. 20.

More than 340,000,000 book loans were made from Britain's public libraries last year—an increase of 26 millions—nearly seven books for everybody.

This figure takes no account of the work done in reference libraries, information bureaux and other special departments. Yet some library authorities spend 25 per cent of their resources on such services because of the exceptional demands made by people engaged in academic and industrial research.

The public libraries of Great Britain and Northern Ireland contain about 53,739,500 books.

GROMYKO ON WAY HOME

Paris, Apr. 20.

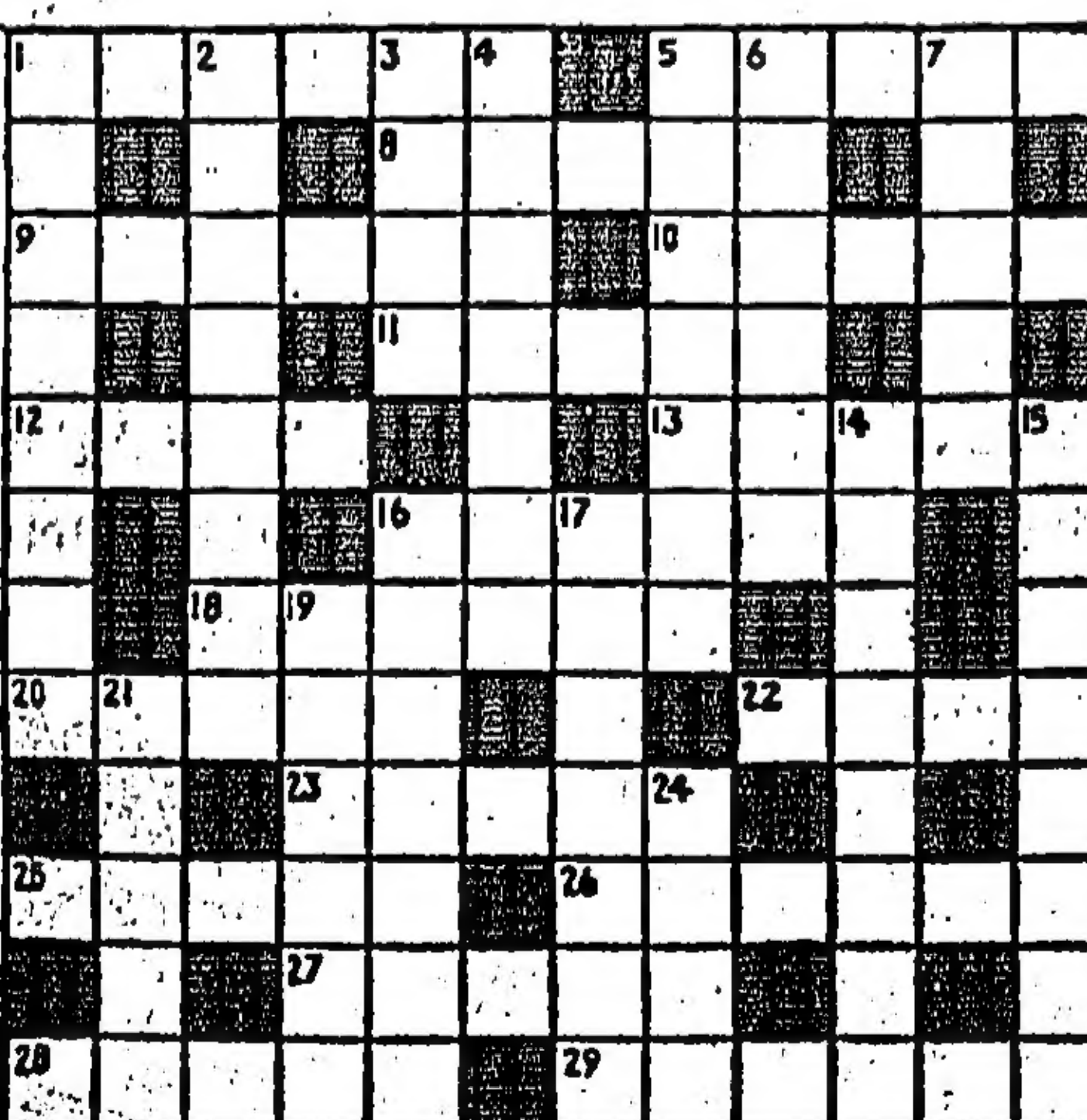
M. Andrei Gromyko, retiring Soviet Ambassador to Britain, arrived by train from London today on his way to Moscow to take up his new post as Deputy Foreign Minister.

He said he would leave by train for Moscow without delay. He was met at the station by M. Alexei Pavlov, the Russian Ambassador to France. Earlier reports had said that M. Gromyko was expected to fly to Moscow from Paris.—Reuters.

Cosenza, Apr. 20. The skeletons of hundreds of armoured soldiers have been discovered in an 850-year-old mass grave here, in the course of excavations on the site of an ancient Norman castle.

The skeletons are believed to be those of Saracen soldiers who stormed the castle in a battle around 1,100 AD.—United Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



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| 1. Become visible (6). | 1. Discussion (8). |
| 2. Tree (6). | 2. Travel document (8). |
| 3. Bolt securing metal plates (8). | 3. Dry (4). |
| 4. (8). | 4. Sharp answer (7). |
| 5. Photo-litho (6). | 5. Young hare (7). |
| 6. Fashion (6). | 6. Makes, preparation (8). |
| 7. Twelve (6). | 7. Savage (6). |
| 8. Church (4). | 8. Amazes (6). |
| 9. Territory (6). | 9. Ogre (6). |
| 10. Accent (6). | 10. First-aid appliances (7). |
| 11. Say again (6). | 11. Annoys (7). |
| 12. Sum (6). | 12. Not so difficult (6). |
| 13. Manager (4). | 13. Young bird (6). |
| 14. Script (6). | 14. Painful (4). |
| 15. Undesired (6). | |
| 16. Left (6). | |
| 17. Anesthetic (6). | |
| 18. Agitates (6). | |
| 19. Feels (6). | |

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1. Spread, 5. Alert, 8. Vocal, 9. Blister, 12. Peruse, 14. Post, 16. Elite, 18. Inert, 19. Edit, 20. Export, 24. Oiler, 25. Overdo, 26. Ease, 27. Direct, 28. Enamel. Down: 1. Soap, 2. Heap, 3. Avar, 4. Deduct, 5. Altered, 6. Exploit, 7. Terrier, 10. Tender, 13. Dispute, 14. Pension, 15. Stopped, 17. Line, 19. Enigma, 21. Oven, 22. Train, 23. Pencil.

King Of Greece Celebrates Easter



King Paul of Greece this year celebrated as usual the old Greek custom of breaking eggs. In top picture the King is performing the custom with troops at an Athens military barracks. In lower picture he cracks an egg with the Hollywood film star, Frederick March, a personal friend of the King, who was spending a holiday in the Greek capital.—Express and Central Press Photos.

CURTAIN RAISER BY REDS

Copenhagen, Apr. 20. Significant sidelight on Russia's "Big Somersault" has raised eyebrows in cautious Copenhagen.

When the Iron Curtain clanked into position after the war the Danish People's Holiday Association, official representatives of the Soviet Intourist Bureau, were left holding nearly 100,000 dollars worth of tickets and coupons valid for travelling in Russia.

The echo of its own plaintive request was the only answer the Association got when it asked Russia what to do about the tickets cached in a Copenhagen bank box.

Exasperated Association officials were on the point of destroying the box a few weeks ago when someone suggested a last approach to Moscow. In the plethora of magnanimity which followed the big somersault the Association's letter was rescued from some Muscovite pigeon-hole. And to the Association headquarters has just come the reply: "The question of opening Russia for tourists is under serious consideration." And the final touch. The letter was—in English.

LAMP SOUNDS THE ALARM

London, Apr. 20.

A new safety oil lamp which not only shows a red light when gas is in the area but also sounds an alarm bell has been produced at Thoresby pit colliery, Nottinghamshire. It is an adaptation of the normal type of lamp.

In the past it has been possible to have lamps showing a red light indicating danger from the presence of gas, but a man intent on his work was not likely to notice it. In areas where it is rare that gas reaches a dangerous degree the mine-worker does not make a habit of looking for the warning light. The new lamp, lighter than the ones in use at present, can be carried by the miner and on reaching his point of duty he can plug in to a lead from the alarm unit.

SHOWING TO-DAY **Cathay** AT 2.30, 5.30, 7.30 & 9.30 P.M.



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U.S. NOT EXPECTING A SLUMP

"No Reason For A Depression"

New York, Apr. 20. Mr. George Humphrey, Secretary of the Treasury, said today that the United States was "not headed for a depression" whether there was a truce in Korea or even a real peace.

"There is no reason to fear peace," he declared. Mr. Humphrey made his first speech since taking office in the Eisenhower administration to the annual luncheon of members of the Associated Press in New York.

He outlined a fiscal policy calling for a reduction in taxes when Government expenses "are under control."

"Taxes must come down," Mr. Humphrey said. "It's simply a matter of timing as to reduction of expense. Both are too high and both must be reduced."

"The reduction of taxes, moreover, is one of the best guarantees we have against the fear of depression in the event that peace makes possible curtailment of government defence spending."

"We are not going to have a depression in America whether we have an armistice, a real peace, or continue to develop a proper and balanced posture of defence," he declared.

"There is no reason for a depression unless we fail ourselves to do the things we ought to do and lack the courage and foresight to do them."

Declaring the nation must preserve its economic strength, Mr. Humphrey said: "We must not forget that our way of life is threatened, not from one, but from two sources at the same time. It can be lost just as completely by economic deterioration from within as by aggression from without."

"Peace is what we all want," he said.

"America could have a stronger economy based on sounder fundamental conditions than it had known in many years."—Reuters.

Jascha Heifetz In Rome

Rome, Apr. 20. Violinist Jascha Heifetz arrived by air from Tel-Aviv today with his right hand still bandaged as a result of an attack in Jerusalem.

A youth struck Heifetz early on Friday with an iron bar, presumably because he had played music by the German composer, Richard Strauss, in Israel. The violinist plans to start a two-month tour of Italy with a concert tomorrow night in Naples. Doctors in Tel-Aviv advised him to cancel his final concert in Israel, on Saturday night.—Associated Press.

SHOWING TO-DAY **EMPIRE-ALHAMBRA** AT 2.30, 5.30, 7.30 & 9.30 P.M.

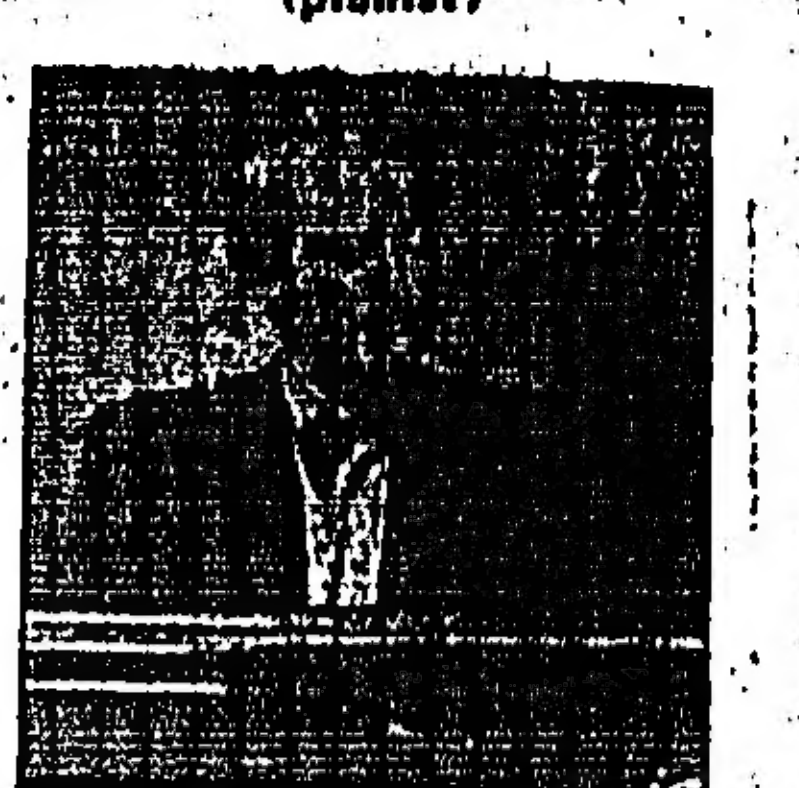


SHOWING TO-DAY: 2.30—5.30—7.30 & 9.30 P.M.

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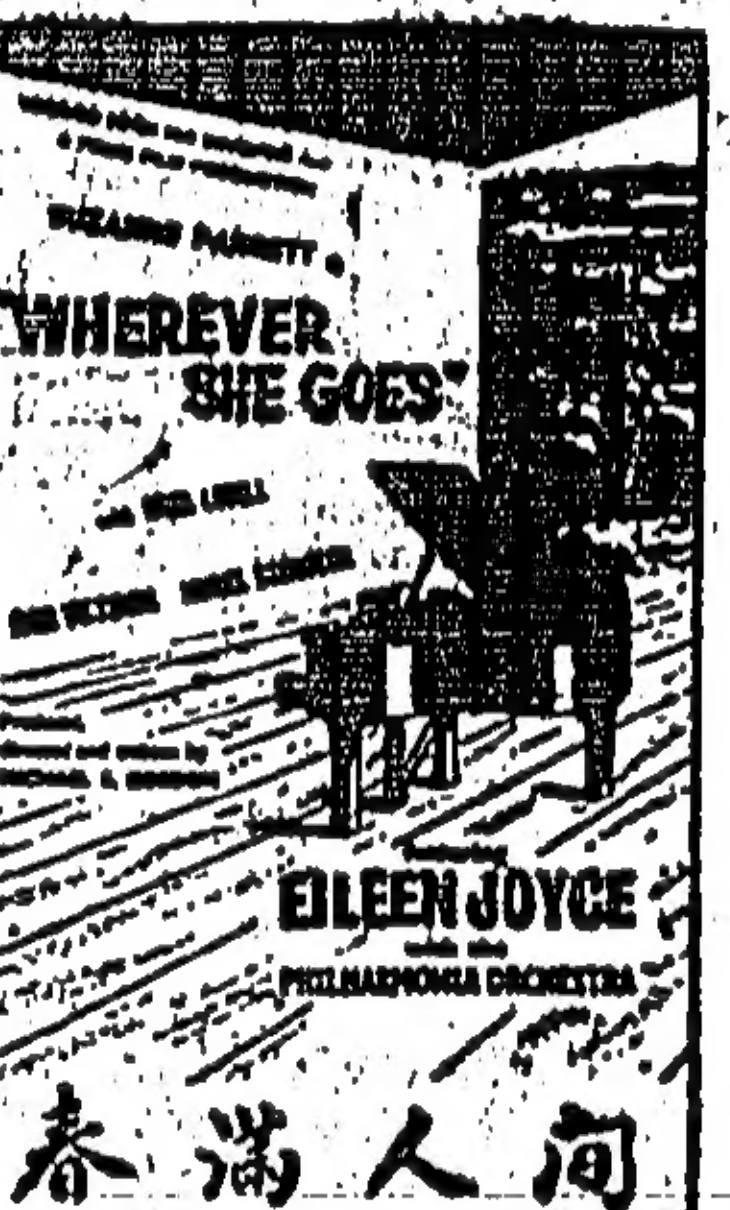
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1953 EDINBURGH FESTIVAL WILL BE BRILLIANT

London. If there remain doubts about the place the Edinburgh Festival of Music and Drama holds in the world, they will be dispelled by a glance at this year's programme.

Three world-famous violinists—Yehudi Menuhin, Isaac Stern and Gioconda de Vito—will, for instance, be taking part. And that three artists of such calibre have agreed to appear together is unique in itself.

The occasion will be a historic one, for they will be celebrating "Four Centuries of the Violin." In the special concert they are to give, the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra will support them, with Bruno Walter and Wilhelm Furtwangler conducting.

Another important musical event that will attract thousands of music-lovers is the first performance in Britain of Stravinsky's opera, "The Rake's Progress." It will be presented by the now famous Glyndebourne Opera Company, conducted by Alfred Wallenstein, music director of the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra.

Chicago-born Wallenstein, first native American to be appointed permanent conductor of a major symphony orchestra in the U.S., will be making his first appearance with the Glyndebourne.

STRING QUARTET

The same company will present Rossini's "La Cenerentola" and Mozart's "Idomeneo," accompanied by the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra.

Then there is the Paganini String Quartet, which has already firmly established



PRESS PHOTOGRAPHS

Copies of photographs taken by the South China Morning Post, South China Sunday Post-Herald, and China Mail Staff Photographers are on view in the Morning Post Building.

ORDERS BOOKED

It takes its name from its four instruments—two violins, a viola and a cello—all made by Stradivarius, which were once owned by Paganini. Now an eager public will again clamour for tickets to hear this world-famous Quartet.

For ballet lovers, there will be performances by three celebrated companies—the American National Ballet, Pilar Lopez Spanish Ballet, and the Sadlers Wells Theatre Ballet. Details of the programme are not yet available, but it is known that the Sadlers Wells group will dance in a ballet specially created for the Festival with choreography by Walter Gore.

PLAY BY ELIOT

In the field of drama, visitors will see the world premiere of T. S. Eliot's new play, "The Confidential Clerk." With Margaret Leighton and Denholm Elliott in the leading roles, the production promises to be a brilliant event.

The announcement that Madame Edwige Feuillere, an outstanding contemporary French actress, will appear at the Festival has delighted her admirers.

Madame Feuillere will present her own company in eight performances in French of "La Dame aux Camélias" by the younger Alexandre Dumas. She will play Marguerite, the role made famous by Sarah Bernhardt.

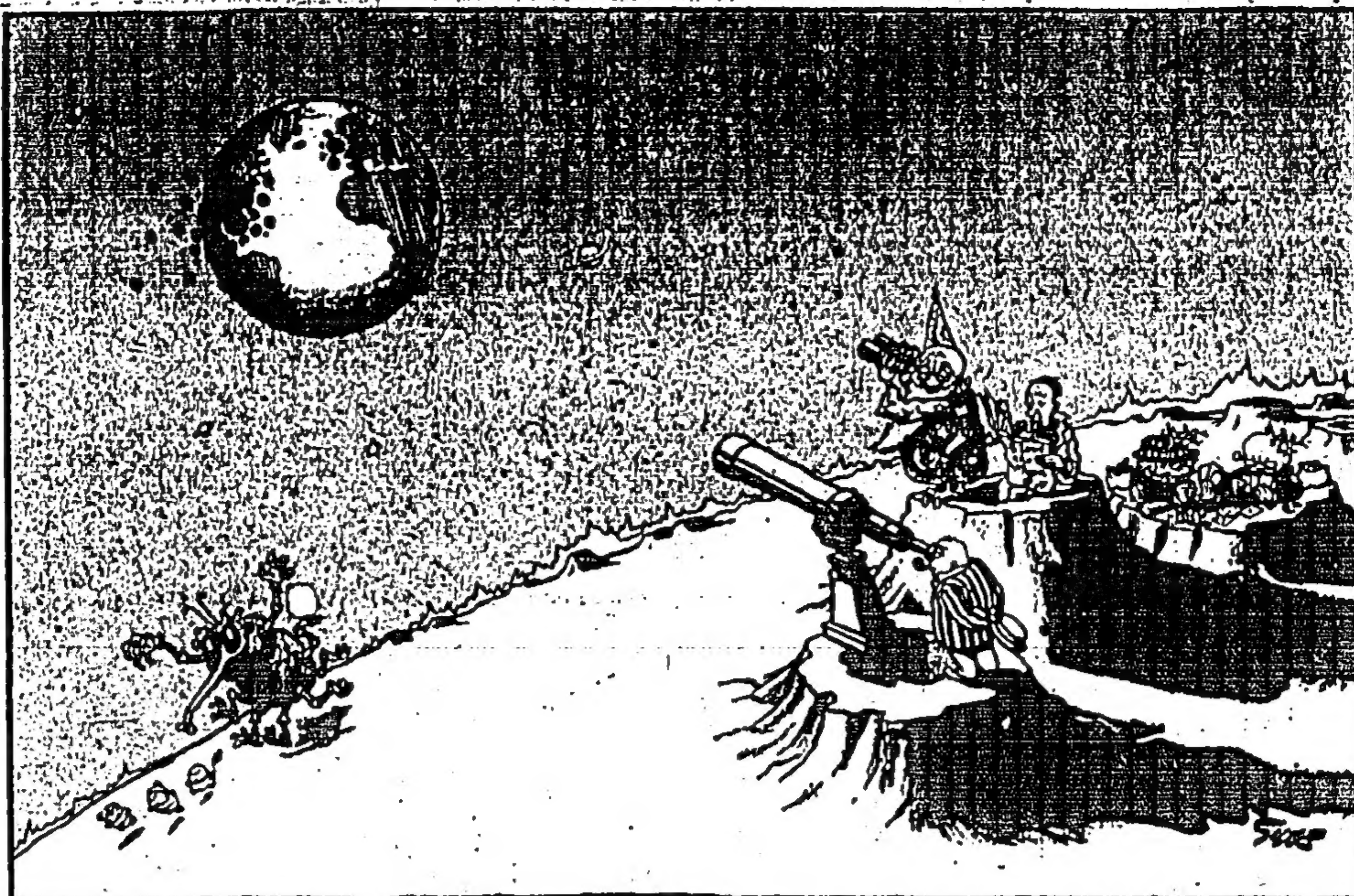
In addition to the presentations of music and drama, there will be film festival.

MILITARY TATTOO

Last year, one of the most popular events was the spectacular Military Tattoo presented under floodlight on the esplanade of Edinburgh Castle. There will be a new Tattoo this year, when the skirl of the pipes and the beating of the drums will once again be heard.

To crown the season, there will be a Highland Games meeting in Edinburgh on August 22.

Last year, 59,165 people visited the Festival—14,403 of them from overseas. Its success is now firmly established and that number is expected to be surpassed in this Coronation year.



"Your outbreak of peace seems to have caused a few spots, Earthman." (The Moonmen later attributed the larger spots to Wallstreet and areas containing comedians who, faced with a future world without a Russian Aunt Sally, will now have to fall back on jokes about Aneurin Bevan.) London Express Service

So I Plan My First Escape

SON after the fall of Dunkirk—which left me, wounded, in German hands—there began the long, bitter back to Germany, for myself and a host of other prisoners of war.

Through Belgium we plodded from one foul transit camp to another until we came to the north of the Scheidt. A huge barge awaited us and in its hold, black with coal dust, we lay for three days and nights as we chugged towards the Rhine. It was a voyage of lost souls crossing into the unknown.

One hot evening we passed under the Nijmegen bridge. A girl waved to us from the parapet. The light breeze caught her skirt. There was a sound of homesick laughter as the barge crawled on into the night. And yet I lived to cross the Nijmegen bridge as a victor just four years afterwards and saw the dead Germans on the sidewalks as we made all speed for Arnhem.

It is August 1940. High above the town of Spangenberg, near Kassel, stands the castle which is now the prisoner-of-war camp known as Oflag IXA/H. We are in the eternal two-tiered beds with pallasses and rough blankets. Each of us has his and possessions packed away. Red Cross chocolate and carefully hoarded delicacies are guarded like a school-boy's tuck box. Precious letters full of love and hope, or bitter betrayal, are hidden in some cheap suitcase or kitbag. In those letters is our dream world.

For me the days passed wearily and I have no wish to re-live them. There were strict codes of behaviour designed for us by our senior officers, and social cliques appeared from the very first day. I attempted to write for the camp magazine but my articles were rapidly dismissed as unsuitable.

After an eternity of despair and boredom, I was

They Have Their Exits

CHAPTER TWO
By Airey Neave,
D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C.

moved with others to a new camp in the village in the woods below the castle. Here the winter months of 1940 passed in discomfort, with little food but without great suffering unless it be of the soul.

In February 1941, we were moved by train to Poland, to the vast encampment of Stalag XXa. This measure was described as a reprisal for the alleged ill-treatment of German officers in Canada. In an old Polish fort, surrounded by a moat, at Thorn on the banks of the Vistula, hundreds of officers lived in damp, cold, vault-like rooms.

Here we lived a life of terrible futility from which I determined to escape. Though it seemed hopeless, I saw my opportunity and took it. A single wooden building was my inspiration. It was the hut in which a captured British dentist worked. It stood within the perimeter of the main camp for N.C.O.s and soldiers, some four miles from the fort. The hut, consisting of a surgery and waiting-room, and behind it a lavatory, with corrugated iron roof, stood close to the red brick Kommandantur of Stalag XXa.

Fortune favoured me—with severely inflamed gums requiring regular treatment. Officers were permitted to visit the dentist every Thursday under escort.

For several weeks I marched each Thursday along the tree-lined road, and on the way invariably met a working party of British soldiers, including two from my own battery who had survived the defence of Calais—stunned friends ready to risk solitary confinement for helping an officer to escape. Every day, this party marched

from their camp to the fort to do maintenance jobs.

My plan was to escape from the dentist's quarters and conceal myself in the main camp where the men were lodged and in due time to escape from one of the groups of prisoners working in the open. I therefore began to organise my reception in the main camp by sending notes by my friends in the working party as they marched away each evening.

Then began the transfer of my collection of food, for the escape, tin by tin, and packet by packet. By April 1941, the working party had smuggled from the fort a considerable quantity of condensed milk, chocolate and sardines. They took them to the senior warrant officer, a Company Sergeant-Major, who hid them in his hut where I was awaited.

I bought a rough workman's coat and a pair of puttees, trousers, shoes and socks, from a British officer who decided to abandon escaping to read for a degree in Law. These clothes travelled in the main camp bundled in the battledress of the sergeant in charge of the working party. I procured a few cigarettes, transaction with a Polish glazier who came to mend some of the fort windows.

John Mansell of the Queen's was a skilful draughtsman who patiently forged papers for escapees throughout a long captivity at Thorn. The pass he made for me described me as a Polish carpenter from Bromberg.

For many weeks I made my plans under the direction of the senior British officer, Brigadier the Hon. N. F. Somerset, D.S.O., M.C., and I asked him to find me a companion for the attempt—someone who could speak good German.

Eventually I was introduced to Norman Forbes, a tall, slender R.A.F. flying officer, a surgery and waiting-room, and behind it a lavatory, with corrugated iron roof, stood close to the red brick Kommandantur of Stalag XXa.

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"Please call at this address if you get back," he said, "and tell her I love her." stood gazing out of the window with expressionless, slab-like face.

Outside two guards lounged against the wall jolking with a tall British sergeant. From time to time the sergeant glanced nervously towards the corrugated iron roof of the lavatory in the rear of the dentist's surgery. Across the supports beneath the roof he had placed several pieces of wood for us to collect and take into the camp. These were our props for the first scene in the play.

The stage was set and the curtain was due to rise.

Tomorrow:
We watch a manhunt—for us!

NOW—RUSSIANS ARE GIVEN THE RIGHT TO FEEL SAFE

From JANE McILVAINE

Moscow, April 6. THERE is an obvious new feeling among the people of Moscow as a result of the dramatic affair of the nine doctors arrested and accused of murdering two Soviet leaders and then released three days ago.

Even someone like myself, with less than a week in Moscow, can see the change.

It was a readily invoked topic of conversation this morning as we went through the gigantic Stalin auto plant, this afternoon as we toured the offices of the newspaper Pravda, and tonight as we attended two of Moscow's plushiest parties for many months.

OBVIOUS HAPPINESS

what one Muscovite said "gives the right to every person to feel safe." There were some who said "it is good that at last it has been found out."

Tonight I was present at the Finnish Legation when Mr. Molotov, the Foreign Minister, and Mr. Mikoyan, Minister of Commerce, toasted the fifth anniversary of the Russo-Finnish mutual aid pact in plentiful Russian champagne.

It was a gala event, exceedingly friendly, and it went on for hours. It was attended by members of the diplomatic corps, many of whom remained to dinner after the reception.

Earlier in the evening the Moscow Press corps entertained us in the House of Journalists, the first time in the history of the Soviet regime they have thrown such a party with Americans as guests of honour.

Representatives of the Soviet Foreign Office and other Ministries were present and all vied in making us feel at home.

There were no formal toasts. Everyone gathered around a huge table loaded with many delicacies and numerous brands of wine.

They showed us a Russian colour film, "The Great Concert,"

which was shown in New York last year.

Most fascinating sight of my tour of the Stalin auto plant was watching women, who form 50 percent of the employees, working as hard as men and on equal terms with them in the furnace rooms and machine shops.

The plant makes Zim and Zis passenger cars in addition to trucks, bicycles, and refrigerators.

LAST DAY

Also in this crowded last day in Moscow we were taken on a visit to the Pravda newspaper plant. Here again women formed 50 percent of the staff. All 46 linotype machines were operated by women, and they were very competent.

We were a bunch of very tired people tonight, and beginning to look forward to a long train ride to Berlin, starting tomorrow.

One has mixed emotions and impressions after such a whirlwind visit to Moscow. For me the chief of them is what seems a changed look on the faces of many of these people as a result of the dramatic news of the past few days.

PARIS NEWSLETTER from SAM WHITE

'Malenkov tourists' see the night spots

PARIS this week-end, has seen "a little Malenkov miracle"—Soviet tourists at the show-places. Sixteen sailors from a Russian cargo vessel anchored at Le Havre have been given shore leave to visit the capital.

This is unprecedented. Invariably Soviet seamen arriving in France have not been allowed to leave the port.

The 16 seamen, wearing cloth caps and raincoats, have spent the week-end visiting classic tourist sights—the Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame, the Arc de Triomphe and the city's museums and public gardens.

Escorted by a Russian Embassy official, they toured some of Montmartre's night clubs. Summed up their 36-year-old skipper Anatoly Janchelevitch: "A most wonderful city. I shall always remember it."

A Russian Embassy spokesman, asked why such shore leave parties had not been organised before, said: "The reason is that we have never thought about it."

KIKI—THE GHOST

DO you remember Kiki—Kiki of Montparnasse? You will if you knew Paris in the '20s and '30s, when a night out cost 100 francs instead of 10,000, and Montparnasse on the left bank was the most ebulliently gay quarter in "Gay Paris."

Kiki was the life and soul of the party that was Montparnasse in the inter-war years. She was the living symbol of its Bohemian reputation. Kiki has just died at the age of 51, surviving by only a few years the disappearance of the Montparnasse, she had known and helped to make famous.

Today this quarter has lapsed into almost suburban serenity.

Kiki—real name Alice Prin—was Montparnasse's leading artist's model, its leading nightclub entertainer, and its most irrepressible Bohemian.

STORMED THE CITY

A Burgundian peasant girl, she came to Paris at the age of 12 to work in a factory, and by the time she was 18 she had taken the city by storm. Her pert, dark good looks and her Rubensque figure made her the favourite model of a dozen painters, then unknown, but since world famous.

She made money and spent it not so much on herself as on other people. The war ended her career and after the war she was merely a ghost from a Paris that no longer existed. She died in poverty with not enough money to buy a plot in Montparnasse Cemetery.

She was the toast of Paris; she had only three mourners at her funeral.

DALI TALKS

I HAD the privilege of a half an hour interview with painter Salvador Dali's mourners. I found that they had grown at least a half an inch at



KIKI: A recent picture.



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either point in the last year. For this phenomenon Dali has a ready explanation.

"My moustaches are for me my receiving aerial which draws impressions and inspirations from the outside world. If they grow, it shows that my creative intensity has increased."

Dali received me dressed only in his bathrobe in the Paris mansion of Chilean millionaire Arturo Lopez, whose guest he is. Despite the fact that he had just emerged from his bath, his moustaches were already waxed to two glistening needle-points.

The secret: they are never washed, but treated with a special cleansing cream before being waxed into the shape of a bull's horns.

QUIET, PLEASE

PARIS City councillor, M. L'Hermine, has started a campaign to discourage police from blowing their whistles to call back pedestrians and motorists guilty of traffic offences.

Says M. L'Hermine: "It is undignified for citizens to be summoned as though they were dogs. In any case, once you have turned your back on a policeman how are you supposed to know he is whistling at you?"

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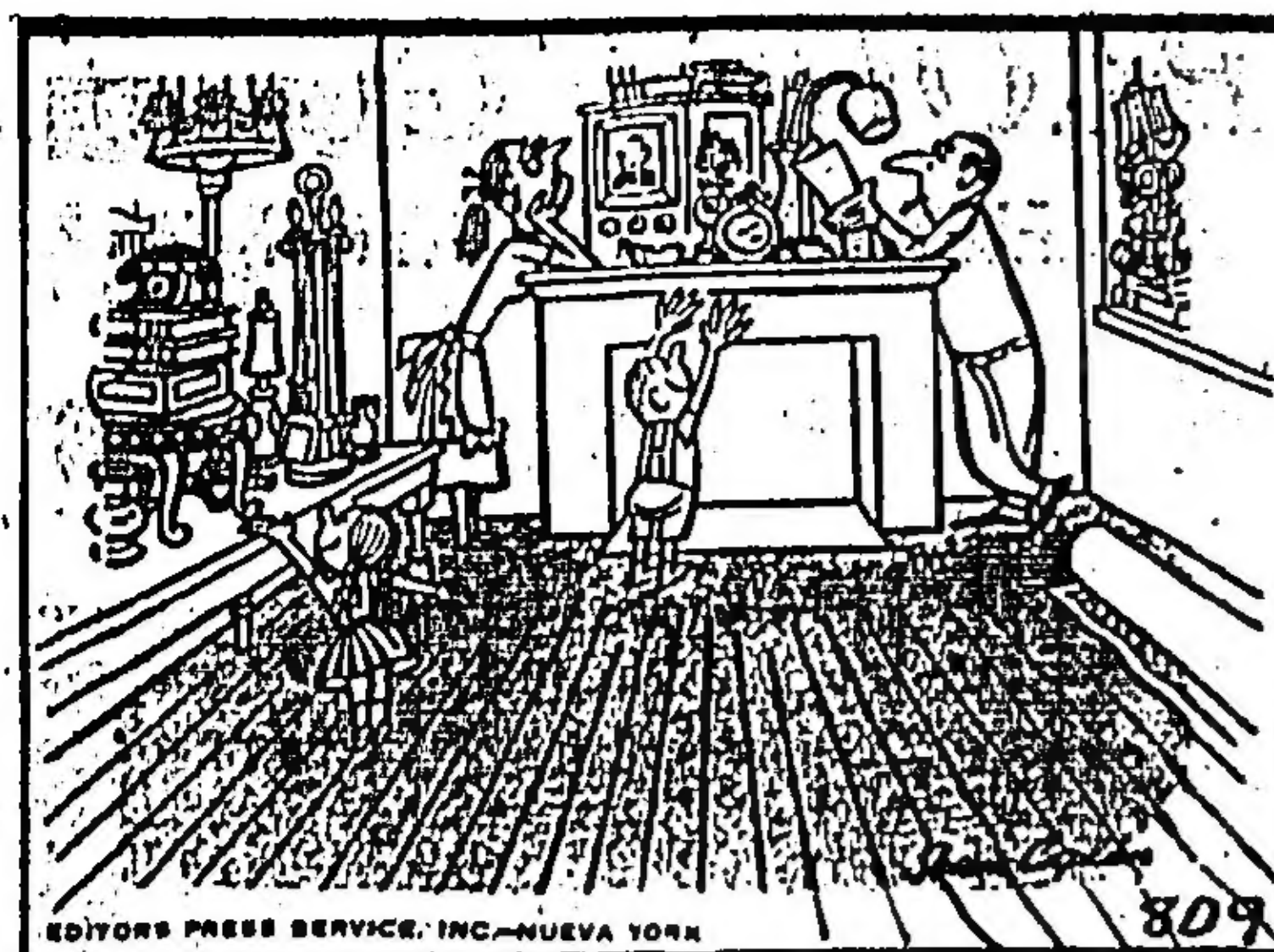
NOVELIST Colette: A woman considers herself old when nobody any longer says anything bad about her.

MP Edgar Faure, on French political crises: "It isn't so much the number of crises that is disturbing but their complete futility and almost absurdity."

FOOTNOTES

THEATRE note: Maurice Chevalier has signed up for a series of 55 consecutive recitals at the Theatre des Champs Elysees for a fee of £1,000 a night.

Literary note: Dashiell Hammett's new novel, "The Glass Key," is now being filmed by Warner Bros.



Famous last words: "We're not going to quit living just because we have children. They'll have to learn to leave things alone."

• BY • THE • WAY • by Beachcomber

LONG ago Mr Hilaire Belloc wrote—

"Oh! let us never, never doubt
What nobody is sure about."

Professor Einstein is reported to have solved another "riddle of the universe," but "cannot prove his theory true." He is reported to have said in a sentence packed with fun, that the theory is mathematically correct, but "the difficulty is to find out if it is true in the ordinary sense of the word" (any fellow). How internally inconvenient that ordinary sense of the word can be to a scientist!

Recipe

FROM a Maitre Chef des Cuvines who won the Gold Medal at the Fenchurch Street Sennet. Gastronomic recipe for making holes in Gruyere cheese: Holes of various sizes are cut in the cheese with a sharp knife. The cheese is then baked in a hot oven until the holes are melted and the cheese is browned.

No need for trees

THE cutting down of trees in London squares to provide the way for big underground garages suggests to me a bolder measure. Why not bring the London parks and squares to date by digging with trees and grass, and making each park into an even larger underground garage? Smaller underground garages could be made by taking over all private gardens, and making on the outside of London could be made into parking areas. Trees are made by fools like any, but only the fools who authorities can make a world fit for motorists.

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

TUESDAY, APRIL 21

BORN on this day of the incoming Taurus, your nature is that of a builder. You are steadfast and enduring and will understand and efficient in all that you undertake.

Ruled by Venus, the Goddess of Beauty, you have exceptionally good taste and your critical faculties are very keen. You know true from false, good from bad, and are governed most by your mind than by your emotions.

Not that you do not have your share of temperament, for you do. But you have learned when to keep it under control and when to let it run rampant—usually to your advantage. You have an excellent sense of humor and are very much of a like you intensely. There is no middle ground as far as you are concerned, either. Although you know how to be tactful and polite, you seldom bother to utilize this

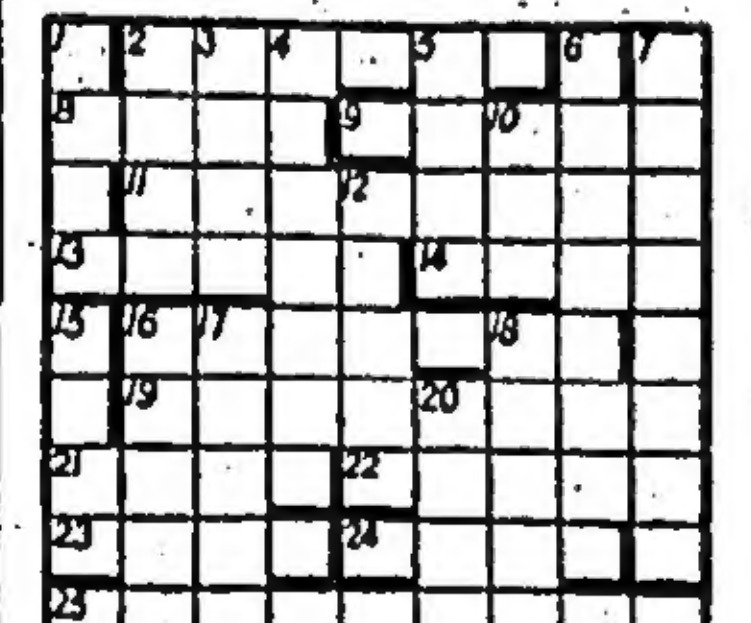
gift unless it is to your distinct advantage to do so. You are a bit slow when it comes to business matters and will probably make plenty of money. You are an independent all the way and you will not tolerate interference by another in your affairs. You invite confidences from others but rarely ask for them or give confidences in return. Your health is not as robust as you imagine it is and you sometimes expend energies unwisely. Learn to conserve your strength for important tasks to others. Be very careful in the choice of a marriage partner as there can be unhappiness in sight. You are exceptionally exacting in romantic matters. To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21): Don't let yourself get caught in the middle of an argument. You are usually the peacemaker. GEMINI (May 22-June 21): A pleasant evening at home with your family and few close friends will prove thoroughly relaxing. CANCER (June 22-July 21): Caution will help you to avoid all possible accidents today. Hastily "e" are to be avoided. LEO (July 22-Aug. 21): A good day for clearing issues. If something has been worrying you, settle it once and for all now. VIRGO (Aug. 22-Sept. 21): Your activities and ingenuity in solving problems can be put to excellent use at this time. LIBRA (Sept. 22-Oct. 21): Don't let your social activities side track you from your duties. Mixing pleasure and business is not advised. SCORPIO (Oct. 22-Nov. 21): If someone deserves a reward for good work, well, definitely, which will win your power to give, bestow it now. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): If you are promoting a new idea,

seek out the services of a well-known producer or manufacturer. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20): Being busy today is the better part of wisdom. Buy what you really need and add to your savings. AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19): In making a decision, stick to facts. Disregard rumors or conjecture and you will not err in judgment. PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20): The more haste today, the less speed. So, don't make good progress. Take plenty of time with everything. ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20): If you have been working hard lately, take an evening off for pleasant relaxation.

CROSSWORD

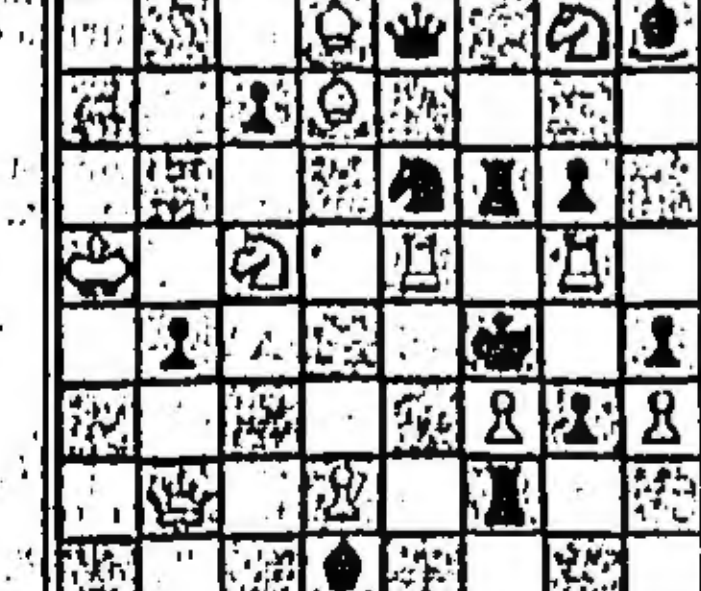


- Across:
- Rest is the country. (6)
 - King Cole's queen? (4)
 - Opposite the zenith. (5)
 - Is he a siren? (7)
 - Early town planning expert. (6)
 - Chirpy. (4)
 - Wight, Lundy, and Sheppey. (7)
 - Lottery. (4)
 - Often before black. (4)
 - Shifty. (6)
 - Have been working hard lately. (6)
 - Coconut fibre. (4)
 - This city made drama. (9)
- Down:
- Fell in Turkey. (4)
 - Does she tell lies? (4)
 - Part of the heart of 13. (7)
 - Waita have them apparently. (4)
 - Bar is often. (8)
 - Have been working hard lately. (6)
 - Lucky, often in brain. (5)
 - Girl slips in the evening. (6)
 - Alma I ask for. (5)
 - Have been working hard lately. (6)
 - Wrote many a. (4)
 - Othello. (6)

CHess PROBLEM

By V. SCHNEIDER

Black, 12 pieces.



White, 11 pieces.
White to play, mate in two.
Solution to yesterday's problem:
1. R-B3, any; 2. Q, R, K, or P (d4, c4) mates.

WHAT'S HER LINE?

CONNIE MEED

How strange did letters to spell her occupation.
(Solution on Page 10)

• JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Sparkling Defence Wins Many Hands

NORTH 21	
None	
QJ105	
AKJ8	
KJ884	
WEST	
KJ8532	
A2	
105	
1002	
EAST (D)	
Q76	
KQ4	
743	
A753	
SOUTH	
A1084	
8763	
Q902	
Both sides vul.	
East	South
Pass	Pass
Pass	Pass
Pass	Pass
Pass	Pass
Opening lead—A5	

By OSWALD JACOBY

SEVERAL California bridge experts are expected to appear in Dallas for the beginning of a bridge tournament. Since Dallas is my home town, I will take more than a passing interest in this tournament.

When I think of California bridge experts, I am reminded of Dr. Edward Frischauer's sparkling defence against a four-heart contract during California's "Bridge Week" tournament. Dr. Frischauer has been one of the leading players in California for some years, but before all the trouble started in Europe many years ago, he was a member of a famous Viennese team.

The sparkling defence I just mentioned came about when Dr. Frischauer held the East cards in the hand shown today. West opened a low spade, dummy discarded a club, and East's queen forced out the ace of spades. Declarer immediately led his queen of clubs, and Dr. Frischauer took his ace at once.

He immediately returned a spade, forcing dummy to ruff with the five of trumps.

Declarer could see that this defence could give him trouble, so he immediately ruffed dummy's king and jack of clubs in order to rid himself of the last two spades. Having done so, he led the queen of hearts from dummy.

Without a single quiver, Frischauer played the king of hearts to win the trick. He then returned his last spade, which South was able to ruff in his own hand.

Declarer led a second trump, and this time West was able to win the trick with the ace. Now West led a fourth round of spades, and East's nine of hearts could not be shut out. If dummy discarded, Dr. Frischauer could ruff with his nine of hearts immediately, and if dummy ruffed, the trick would immediately become the master trump.

★ CARD ★

Q—With neither side vulnerable, the bidding has been: North East South West 1 Heart 2 Diamonds 7

You, South, hold: Spades 8-6-2, Hearts J-7-5-3, Diamonds 4-3, Clubs K-J-7-5. What do you do?

A—Pass. This hand is not hopeless since you have good support for hearts, a doubleton and some strength in clubs. In normal high-card strength, 1 point extra for the jack of your partner's bid suit, and 1 point for the doubleton. The total is 7 points, but you should have at least 8 points for a bid after East's overcall.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: Spades 8-6-2, Hearts K-J-7-5, Diamonds 4-3, Clubs K-J-7-5. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

DUMB-BELLS

WILL YOU LOVE SOME OYSTERS? I ONLY EAT OYSTERS IN FEBRUARY. I KNOW THEY ARE QUITE SAFE BECAUSE THERE ARE TWO 'R'S IN THE MONTH.

★ ★ WOMANSENSE ★ ★

E-FOR-ELIZABETH COCKTAIL DRESS



Deborah In "From Here To Eternity"

By BEN COOK

Hollywood. Deborah Kerr has had her name up in lights for quite a spell, but she never considered herself really a star until just lately.

Now she has finally come by what she considers to be two of the most important characteristics of stardom—a swimming pool and a sexy film role. The swimming pool is at her home, of course. The sexy role is in the movie of James Jones' novel, "From Here to Eternity," in which she plays Karen Holmes, the captain's wife who carries on a love affair with a sergeant after her husband proves faithless to her.

"The benefits of a swimming pool are obvious, and I'm sorry I did not build one long ago," she said.

"And the role in 'From Here to Eternity' is a real glamour girl assignment. This is being a film star."

Swim Suit Figure

Deborah is truly excited about the part and her torrid love scenes with Burt Lancaster, the sergeant.

"It's a complete change of pace for me," she says. "My hair has been bleached to a topaz blond, and I'm working very hard with a voice specialist to lose my British accent for the role of the American girl."

"And there are several scenes in the picture where I wear shorts and a bathing suit during the clandestine affair, which includes a moonlight swim at Waikiki beach."

The members of the camera crew who tested Deborah in a bathing suit say the customers are in for a real thrill when they see her.

"It's a pity those long, sleek limbs and that lush torso have been covered up for so long," said one assistant director. "Wait till they get a load of that gal now. Wow!"—United Press.

Household Hints.

Use a well-soaped camel's hair paint brush to get dirt from the crevices of cut glass or etched crystal.

An E-for-Elizabeth strapless cocktail dress by a Brighton designer. It is of red tulle velvet, has a split side, and is worn with matching carwheel hat, handbag and shoes.

(London Express Service)

Children's Convulsions Can Be Controlled

By HERMAN N. BUNDESEN, M.D.

A CONVULSION in a child can be a very serious emergency unless it is properly cared for.

The first thing that most people think of in such a case is epilepsy, but while it is true that epilepsy is the cause of some convulsions, most childhood convulsions are from other causes, such as infections with fever.

Happily, epilepsy need no longer be feared by parents as it was at one time, for nearly all types of convulsions due to

epilepsy can be adequately controlled when the proper medicine is given.

When a child has a convulsion, the parent can help the physician by describing the details of the convulsion from beginning to end. Often no one else is around at the time to watch, and the doctor may arrive after the convulsion is over.

The greatest help in discovering the cause of a convulsion is an instrument known as the electro-encephalograph, or EEG. This instrument gives a picture of the electrical brain waves which generally reveal the type of epilepsy present. The EEG is of particular value because it can detect types of epilepsy which produce no seizures.

Types of Epilepsy

For example, in one type the child suddenly forgets everything and gets a blank stare for a few seconds or minutes. Nodding spasms, in which the child just nods his head, mark another type of epilepsy that can be detected with this instrument.

When a child's fever goes past 103 or 104 degrees, there is grave danger of irritation to the brain. It seems that fever speeds up metabolism and brings on a convulsion in those children who have a tendency toward convulsions. Usually when the temperature is lowered, the convulsion disappears.

Every method must be used to reduce the fever. Alcohol sponges, plus a cool tap water temperature down and stop the convulsion. Drugs, such as sedatives that prevent convulsions, must be used in many cases along with other treatments.

Children who have convulsions from a febrile fever tend to have them again if they develop a high fever at a later time. For this reason, many doctors give these children small doses of sedative drugs several times a day when they have any disease which may give them a fever.

Drugs Continued

After a convulsion, it is often desirable not to cut off treatments at a later time. When certain drugs have been found effective, it is usually better to continue them for a year or so.

Many drugs, such as tridione, dilantin, mecamol, phenobar-

bitol and combinations of these drugs have proved very effective in treating convulsions due to epilepsy. These drugs have freed parents, from a great deal of fear of convulsions in their children, for modern medicine can control convulsions and in some cases cure them.

Party Fare



By VERA WINSTON

BLACK organzine taffeta—that is, tulle with an organzine weave—makes a handsome two-piece costume, a nice choice for evening wear in town or for resort wear. The strapless top is form-fitted, owing to strategic boning, and is daintily embroidered with pink and white beads. The skirt has lots of easy fullness, is worn over a pink crinoline for the best effect, and uses the embroidery on one hip only.



BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

A Very Brave Church Mouse

—In Spite of the Cat, He Did Ring the Bell—

By MAX TRELL

"TELL us a story!" Knarf and Hanid, the shadow-children with the turned-about names, said to their old friend Mr Punch.

At first Mr Punch shook his head, saying it was too late to tell stories. But finally he said: "Very well, my dears. I'll tell you the story of the mouse who rang the church bell. It really happened, though exactly where and when I don't know."

Knarf and Hanid replied that they hadn't heard the story, so Mr Punch began:

Wasn't Vory Young

"There was once a mouse who lived in an old church in the middle of a small town. He wasn't a very young mouse, for he had lived in the church for quite a number of years and, like all other church mice, he was poor. Still, he hated to leave the old church. He liked

the sound of the organ. He liked the bell-ringer, who was even older than he was. The only thing he didn't like was the bell-ringer's grey cat.

"You'd think he wanted me to move away," the mouse said bitterly about the bell-ringer. "But why should he want me to move away? Don't I pick up all the crumbs under his dinner table? And what does his cat do? Nothing but sit purring at his feet while he dozes. She eats more meat and drinks more milk than a whole family of mice."

"Then the church mouse sighed. Perhaps it really was no use remaining in the old church. One of his cousins had invited him to come live with him in the pantry of a fine new city house. Perhaps he should move there.

"Well," continued Mr Punch, "the church mouse finally decided to go away. He packed

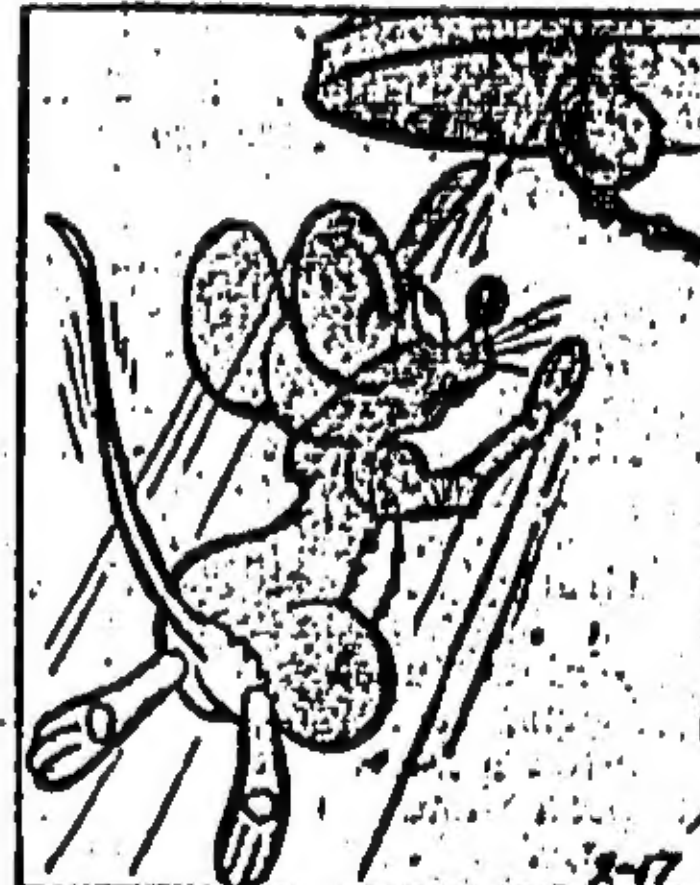
all his belongings (which weren't very much). It's nearly one o'clock, he said to himself. I'll wait to hear the church bell ring once more and then I'll go."

"So he waited. And at last the church mouse saw that it was exactly one o'clock. The clock on the wall struck one. But still the church bell didn't ring.

"The church mouse suddenly became worried. He crept slowly out of his hole in the corner and saw, to his dismay, that the old bell-ringer was fast asleep in his chair with the cat purring as usual at his feet.

"Bell-ringer! Bell-ringer!" squeaked the mouse. "It's time to ring the one o'clock bell! People are waiting! You've never missed ringing it before! You mustn't miss ringing it tonight!"

"But the bell-ringer didn't stir," said Mr Punch. "Only the cat did. She rose to her feet and licked her chops. It had been a long time since she had eaten a mouse."



The mouse sprang at the bell and made it ring once.

"But the mouse wasn't thinking of himself when he dashed out and sprang into the old man's lap and tugged at his hand. Still, he didn't move. Then he dashed up the bell-ringer's stairs with the cat at his tail.

Out of Breath

Up, up, up, he ran—higher and higher until he reached the top of the bell-ringer's stairs. He was quite out of breath and the cat was nearly upon him. With his remaining strength he sprang at the tongue of the bell, and swung it just enough to make it peal softly, once.

"But it was enough. Everyone heard it. Then the church mouse was happy. He had heard the church bell ring for the first time!"

"Did he really go away?" Hanid asked.

"I guess so. No one ever saw him again. And the old bell-ringer went away, too. Some say they both went away together. But no one knew for certain. There's a new bell-ringer now. And a new mouse, too."

"And the cat?" said Knarf. "It's the same old cat," said Mr Punch. And he smiled. "She stayed!"

A new

"Adventure"—

RUPERT

and the

ROCKING

HORSE

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Rupert and Morwenna—27



The plucky leaps round Rupert with every sign of happiness. "Our own sheep! Our very own!" he laughs. "And fancy it being brought back by a little bear of all people! Give it to me, please, and then all our troubles will be over—add one of your troubles."

"Why, of course, it's yours," says Morwenna. "But you must have it. It's a creature, has carried it beyond the seaweed curtains, and they hear him singing out of sight. Where has he gone?" says Morwenna. "It's much darker in there."

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"Pussy-Cat" Ezzard Is A Tiger Again — Ready For Rocky?

Says HAROLD MAYES

Just over a fortnight ago I watched Georgia-born negro Ezzard Charles belting the daylight out of a big, tough Utah farmer's boy, Rex Layne, in San Francisco.

That night I knew I was watching the beginning of a new phase in the career of the man who may well go down to history as heavyweight boxing's greatest enigma.

I recalled that back in 1948, even before Joe Louis announced his first retirement, this was the man I had tipped as the logical successor to the greatest of all the heavyweight kings.

I did so because I knew that, in the evening of his career, Louis feared only one man — and he was Charles. Always when I asked him if he would fight Charles, Jimmy Joe would reply: "Why should I fight Ezzard? He's my friend."

Sure he was Louis' friend, but for anyone who knew Louis as well as I did, there was a wealth of meaning behind these remarks. Joe made a habit of saying the right thing at the right time, and his words were always so carefully chosen.

Considering the fact that Charles, by comparison with the ageing Louis, looked frail, no more than a stuffed-up light-heavyweight, why did the Brown Bomber fear him?

"KILLER" TAG Because, with youth on his side, Ezzard's reflexes were obviously so much better than Joe's, and that made his vicious punching a much more telling factor.

Jealous? Yes, it had been enough to fight him in Chicago, some months before Louis and I were discussing Charles, for him to inflict punishment from which Louis died.

Intention on the part of the top tier, Charles fought with ferocity which was closely akin to savagery. But surely a fighter's job is to be a "killer" if he can, even though he does not mean to kill.

Major League Baseball

Boston, Apr. 20.

The Boston Red Sox opened their home season by twice taking the measure of the Washington Senators 4-2 and 11-4 today. Dick Gernert walloped two home runs in the morning contest and hit a home run and a three run double which just missed being another four bagger.

Mel Parnell, who needed help from Ellis Kiner and Bill Kennedy, registered his first triumph of the year in the morning tilt.

THE SCORES
American League

First game:
Washington 000 010 010 — 2 8 0
Boston 012 001 008 — 4 7 1
Winning pitcher: Parnell;
losing pitcher: Marrero
Home runs: Boston—Gernert 2.

Second game:
Washington 001 000 120 — 4 7 1
Boston 021 001 700 — 11 13 3
Winning pitcher: McDermott;
losing pitcher: Northfield;
Home runs: Boston—Gernert.
NATIONAL LEAGUE

New York, Apr. 20.
Granny Hamner hit a homer on a 2-1 pitch with two out in the ninth inning to give the Philadelphia Phillies a 2-1 victory over the New York Giants. Johnny Wyrostek homered for the Phils' other run in the sixth.

Philadelphia 000 001 001 — 5 3 1
New York 100 000 000 — 1 3 0
Winning pitcher: Roberts;
losing pitcher: Jansera.
Home runs: Philadelphia—Wyrostek, Hamner.

Brooklyn at Pittsburgh—postponed, snow and cold.—Associated Press.

NOTICE

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Special Cash Sweep

on the

Hong Kong Derby

Saturday, 2nd May, 1953.

Tickets in the above at \$2.00 each may be obtained at the Cash Sweep Offices of the Club at—

Queen's Bldg., Chater Road

5 D'Agular Street,

382 Nathan Road, Kowloon.

Over 450,000 tickets sold to date.

H. MISA,

Secretary.

AUSTRALIA'S TERRIBLE TWINS



The "Terrible Twins"—Miller (right) and Lindwall, the fast bowlers, photographed at Southampton when the Australian cricket team arrived on board the Orca.—Central Press Photo.

LADY WENTWORTH'S ARABS

The Horse-breeding Experiments Of A Poetess Of 79 May Produce A Derby Winner Of The Future

By JOHN WATERMAN

Crabbet Park, Sussex.

Here in a red-brick mansion amid several hundred acres of woods and farmland lives the 16th Baroness Wentworth, 79 years old, tall, stately, and a peeress in her own right.

Not for her an existence dedicated to opening garden fetes, politely dispensing tea, and peacefully working samplers.

Lady Wentworth owns and personally supervises the world's most renowned stud of Arab horses. It adjoins the house. She also runs a thoroughbred

stud and a pony stud. She is a high authority on horse breeding. And in the time that is left over she writes books and composes poetry—she is a descendant of Byron. Currently she is writing six different works.

NOT A FANATIC

In her study, with its hundreds of books on horses, tables and armchairs strewn with pamphlets and photographs of Arab champions, Lady Wentworth discusses her occupations in a vigorous voice. She says: "Do not think I am an Arab fanatic. My main interest is in the thoroughbred horse—only I have not had the means to pursue my interests in this direction as much as I should have liked."

Nevertheless, Lady Wentworth's fame in horse-breeding circles comes largely from the success of the Arab stock bred at Crabbet Park. Pure Arab horses, sturdy animals distinguished by their small, delicately shaped heads, are not raced today in England—although originally sprang from Arabian stock in the 18th century. But the English thoroughbred has now been developed to such a pitch of high-speed efficiency that a pure Arab matched against a racehorse would be beaten.

BORNEO, RUSSIA

Their value now lies mainly in the show-ring and for riding purposes. Over the years, Lady Wentworth's horses must have earned her many thousands of pounds. They have been sold all over the world: to 54 countries including such unlikely places as Tierra del Fuego and Fiji, Borneo and even Russia.

In the American Arab Horse Stud Book, nearly ninety per cent of more than 5,000 registrations are of Crabbet blood.

The Crabbet Stud Book itself, begun in 1862, shows a record of 200 championships, plus four world and seventeen grand and international champions. Sixty champions have been bred from Crabbet stock.

At the moment there are about 30 Arab horses at Crabbet Park. Lady Wentworth will not attempt to estimate their value. She says: "Some of them are literally priceless. For instance I would not part at any figure with Grand Royal." Grand Royal is one of the stud prize animals with many championships to his credit.

In charge of the stables—which are built on modern lines incorporating the best features of Newmarket establishments and must rank as Ritz-like, aristocratic.

WORLD CHAMPION

However, Lady Wentworth's life has not been entirely devoted to horses. In her youth, she used to be one of the few women players of Real Tennis, the Royal variety.

She was a world champion; built her own court near her house. Today it stands, a vast building unused.

And now she devotes much attention to her poetry. "The trouble is," she says, "when I want to leave the stables and take a flight on Pegasus my publishers immediately order me back to the stables."

(London Express Service)

Dates Fixed For 1956 Olympics

Mexico City, Apr. 19.

The Australian Olympic Committee has informed the International Committee, now in session here, that it is proposed to hold the 1956 Games in Melbourne from November 22 to December 8 inclusive.

The International Committee yesterday confirmed Melbourne as the venue for the Games after months of doubt and expressed "full confidence" in the Organising Committee.

It received a report from the Australian Committee outlining Melbourne's plans for enlarging the city's cricket ground as the main stadium, for building a new swimming pool and a new velodrome for cycling at a cost of A£250,000 (£280,000) and A£120,000 (£96,000) respectively.

In addition, the report said Melbourne proposed to provide an Olympic village to house 6,000 competitors and officials at a cost of A£2,000,000 (£1,600,000).

Plans were also given for holding the rowing and canoeing events at Lake Wendouree, in Ballarat, 70 miles inland from Melbourne.

KNOTTY PROBLEM

The knotty problem of overcoming Australia's quarantine regulations hampering entry into the country of horses for equestrian events was left to the Australian delegation to do "its best" to obtain a relaxation of the restrictions.

The Committee also decided yesterday to appeal to the Press to stop publishing unofficial team placings by points in the Games on the ground that the practice was contrary to the rules and spirit of the Olympics.

It unanimously endorsed a suggestion by Colonel Peter Scherrow, of Holland, that national Olympic Committees should establish closer relations with the Press so that the Press, in turn, could keep the public informed of the Olympic ideals.—Reuters.

OLYMPIC SPIRIT

Melbourne, Apr. 19.

Dr. W. S. Kent Hughes, Chairman of the 1956 Olympic Organising Committee, said here today that if Australia could spread the Olympic spirit into the far-flung corners of Asia the next Games will be a milestone in the history of the series.

Dr. Kent Hughes, who is also Minister of the Interior, welcomed the International Olympic Committee's decision that Melbourne should keep the Games.

"Not only is it important that Melbourne should make a success of the Games but it is equally important for us to attempt large entries from the Asian and Pacific areas who have been previously handicapped in sending teams to Europe and America," he said.—Reuters.

£100,000 PAY-OUT

But the firm paying 300,000 dollars (which is more than £100,000 to you) for the privilege of coast-to-coast television happen to be interested in driving their publicity right into metropolitan New York.

Hence, with black-outs normal for a 100-mile radius of the actual flight area in spite of the coast-to-coast link-up, they wouldn't be getting the kind of value they want for their expenditure if the contest went to Yankee Stadium or the Polo Grounds.

So Chicago it will be, with Mr. Charles holding a watchful brief.

PAQUES GOLF

By HENRY LONGHURST

It is axiomatic that a golfer has not lived till he has played the Old course at St Andrews. More controversially, perhaps, I would suggest that he has also not lived till he has played at Mont Agel.

Constructed in 1910 at a cost of £250,000, mainly, I gather, to humour the mad English—who would have given the Chancellor of the day the clearest suggestion regarding a £15 rise in their travel allowance—Mont Agel clings precariously to the mountain slopes some 2,500 feet above Monte Carlo.

While some of the drives on the course are naturally difficult, none are so hair-raising as the drive up to it—an experience which is said to have much disturbed the Duke of Windsor, in which case your correspondent is in good company. It has been some comfort to think of our chauffeur this week as being one of the straightest drivers of all time, namely Henry Cotton.

INTO THE CLOUDS

Nevertheless the thoughts of the newcomer tend to dwell, as the outer mudguard grazes the parapet, not on the undoubted magnificence of the view but on how many somersaults a slight slice would cause the car to turn before it and its occupants pitched finally in the harbour.

Mont Agel is surmounted, 1,500 feet higher, by a fort, and the finest shot ever played over the course is alleged to have been that of the American gunnery officer in the war, who, to change the metaphor, hit the fort plumb in the middle stump with the first ball of the match at a range of 10 miles.

After seven years of wartime dereliction the course was largely redesigned by Cotton. It measures 4,891 yards; the bogey is 67; and he has done it in 50. The second nine, they say, is a good deal easier than the first (Cotton having once done it in 29), and I can well believe it. At the moment of writing, however, we have played one round of the "Championnat Omnium," and at the 10th hole the entire course sailed like an aeroplane into the clouds.

The wingtips, as it were, vanished, and a deep silence enveloped the mountainside, broken only by the melancholy "cloches de vaches" and the cry of my partner, "O putt four. There!" answered by a high-pitched "Oui!" from his ravishing young caddie invisible on the far side of the valley.

The earlier sunshine, however, had revealed a course of spectacular beauty and tantalising quality. You "have only" to drive straight but not very far, and "have only" to avoid taking three puts, and you must, as Cotton suggested in a preliminary letter, be "unable to avoid breaking 70." Yet in the clubhouse there has been an incessant spreading of palms, together with a series of "Filer, solamite deus—adjuvamus!"

Such is the atmosphere of the place, that if anyone thinks that, on account of its length, Mont Agel is a pushover, well, let him come and push it over.

SIX FLOORS UP

To add him he will find Cotton concealed in his golf school at sea level—not counting the six floors that one ascends in the lift to get to it. Here astride of a remarkable wire appliance full of practice balls, the maestro fills in a string he causes the next ball to roll down the slipway on the mat, very much as one launches a penicillin on to the chequer board at the vicarage fete. To tee the ball he uses a long pair of tongs.

One must hand it to our Ryder Cup captain for one thing. Whatever he does he does well. Never having had much faith in golf schools since the day when I partnered in a championship a young fellow who lamented that he "never played except in electric light," I am converted by Cotton's.

He has mirrors, leather harnesses, heavy practice clubs, putting "lawn," workshop, and bar. And what an advantage, too, as he says, to play in a net. You never see where it would have gone.

Yesterday's Home Soccer Results

London, Apr. 20.
Home football results today were:

DIVISION I			
Man. U.	3	Liverpool	1
DIVISION III (SOUTH)			
Queen's Park	1	Shrewsbury	0
DIVISION III (NORTH)			
Bradford	2	Mansfield	1
Darlington	1	Stockport	0
Hartlepool	2	Chesterfield	0
Port Vale	2	York	0
OTHER MATCHES			
Bury	2	Clyde	2
Millwall	2	Rath R.	3
Reading	0	Tottenham	1
Ipwich	2	Stirling	1
SCOTTISH LEAGUE			
Falkirk	4	Aberdeen	1
Hibernian	2	East Fife	1
Motherwell	0	Rangers	3

—Reuters.

LEAGUE STANDINGS

Falkirk	2	East Fife
Hibernian	3	Rangers
Motherwell	0	Bohemians

—Reuter.

LEAGUE STANDINGS

	First Division
Arsenal	39 20 11 8 69 60 51
Wolves	41 19 13 9 84 60 61
Preston	41 19 9 13 71 55 64
Sheff. Wed.	41 19 9 13 71 55 64
West Brom	41 19 8 13 74 60 51
Charlton	41 19 8 13 74 60 51
Manch. U.	41 18 10 11 69 50 69
Burnley	41 18 10 11 69 50 69
Rangers	41 18 10 11 69 50 69
Tottenham	41 14 14 13 73 64 74
Cardiff	41 14 11 16 72 64 74
Portsmouth	41 14 10 11 73 71 53
Bolton	41 14 9 17 68 60 51
Sheff. Utd.	41 13 13 15 69 55 69
Newcastle	41 13 9 19 60 56 62
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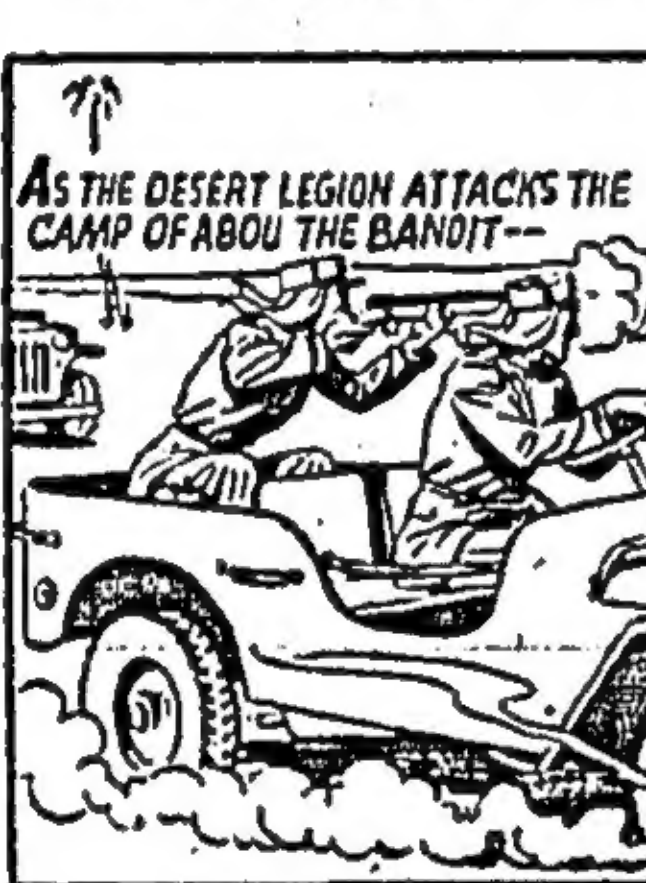
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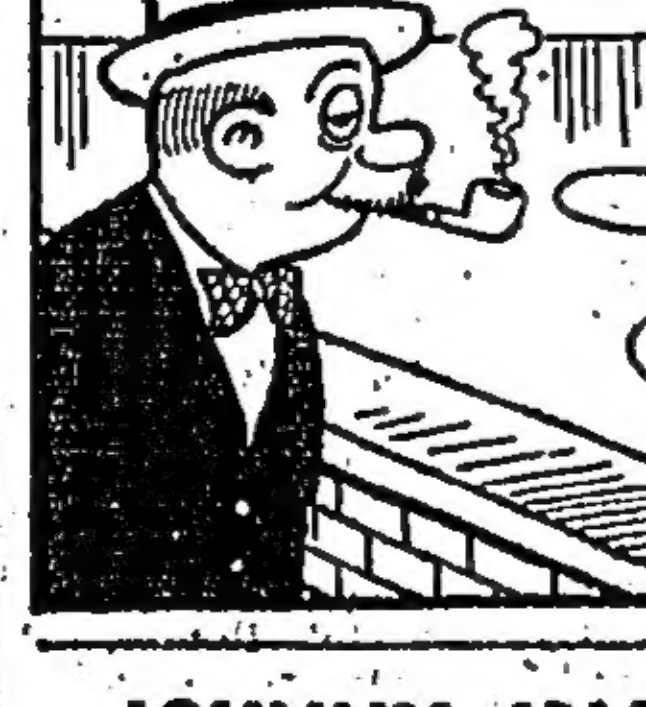
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British Jets To Span World Air Routes

British jets will span the world's air routes in the next three years under proposals of ten major airlines. The various companies have plans for jet services by De Havilland Comet or Vickers Viscount between every large city in all the continents. British Overseas Airways Corporation have already opened the global network with Comet services between Cairo, Ceylon, Pakistan, India, Singapore and Tokyo. Eventually they will extend their operations with a "kangaroo" route from London to Australia.

From Sydney, Canadian Pacific airlines will blaze the jet trail across the Pacific as far as Honolulu, with one service through Fiji and Canton, and another across New Zealand to Hawaii. The link between Honolulu and San Francisco and Vancouver will probably be opened in 1954 when British Commonwealth Pacific Airlines start operations with Comets between Canada, America and Australia.

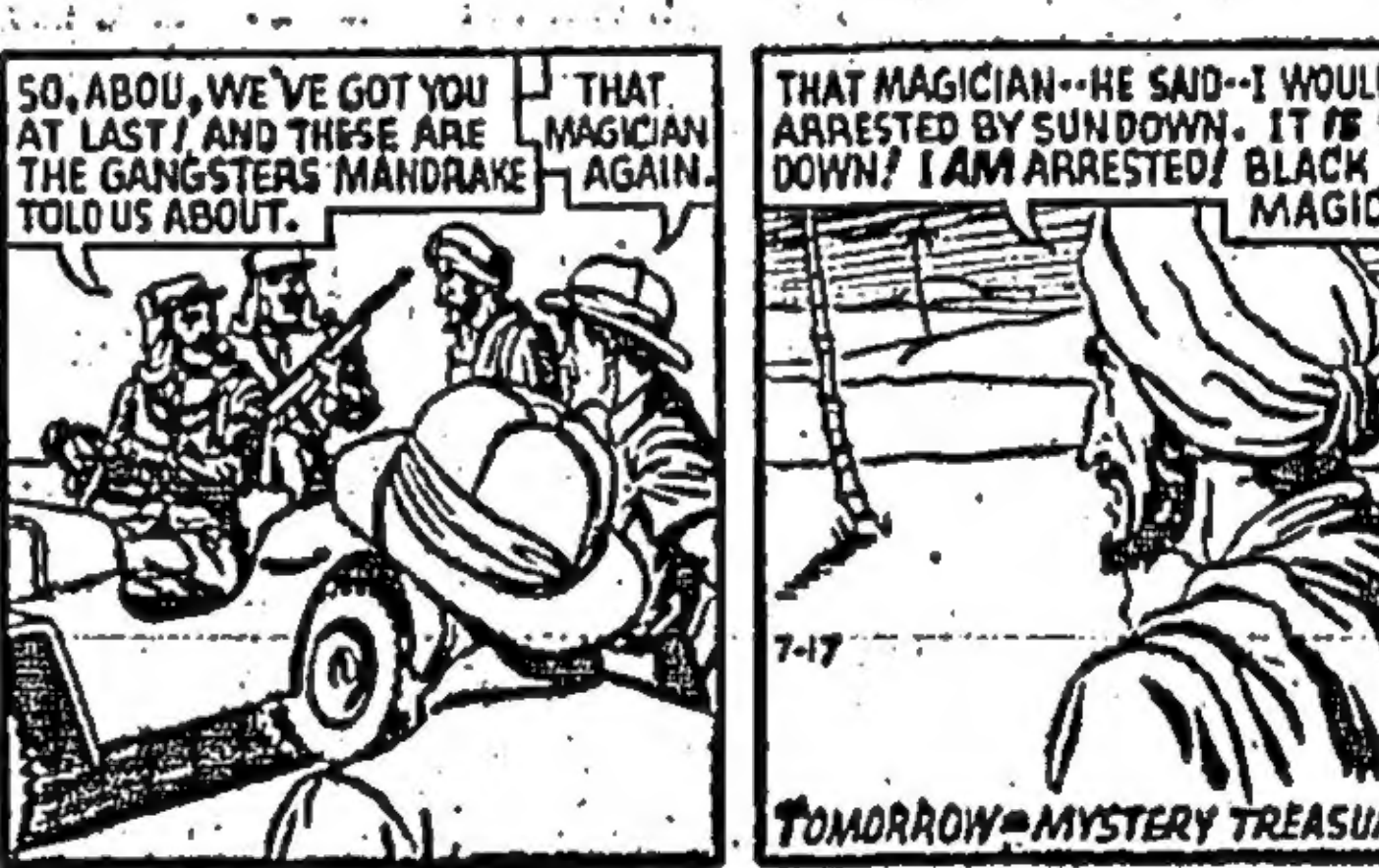
On the American continent, Pan American World Airways and B.O.A.C. plan jet routes from Rio de Janeiro to Lisbon, London and Paris, while Trans-Canada Airlines will operate turbo-prop Viscounts between the major cities of Canada and North America.

Two 500 m.p.h. Transatlantic routes are contemplated. One, by Panair de Brazil, will be a trunk route from Rio de Janeiro to Lisbon, London and Paris, while B.O.A.C. will ply across the North Atlantic with Comets. Four companies—two French, one British and one Brazilian—will have a Comet network across Africa, and the Middle East. In Europe, British European Airways Viscount fleet will link up all the capitals and major cities from Scandinavia to Istanbul.

Considerable expansion in the size of the British aircraft industry, the value of aviation exports, and the amount of freight and the number of passengers carried by British operators is shown in figures just issued by the Society of British Aircraft Constructors.

Total value of aircraft and equipment exports since 1949 is now £225 millions—exclusive of income from the numerous licences granted to overseas countries for airframes and engines. In 1952 the industry exported £45 millions' worth of goods.

By Lee Falk and Phil Davis



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RAF TRAIN FOR BIG AIR RACE

London, Apr. 20.—To take command of the long-range high-speed Canberra crews, about to go into special training for the important London-New Zealand air race in the autumn is one of the Royal Air Force's most promising young officers. He is 34-year-old Wing-Commander Lewis MacDonald, who has just left the R.A.F. Flying College at Manby, Lincolnshire, from which long-range training flights are sent from time to time to all parts of the world.

Three Rolls-Royce Avons powered Canberra's speed, reconnaissance twin-jet aircraft have been ordered by the R.A.F. for this 13,000-mile race, in which many of the finest and fastest aircraft in the world are due to compete.

Wing-Commander MacDonald, an ex-London public school boy, will have the full responsibility of directing the training of the Canberra race crews at a specially chosen airfield. The R.A.F. which has built a bomber for the race, means to spare no effort to win the £10,000 first prize, the magnificent Harwood Gold Cup, and the prestige value of proving triumphant in the speed section of this great international aviation event. One of W.C.M. MacDonald's tasks will be to train his navigators to an absolute peak of perfection. Their intensive training will give high concentration to the flight plan of the race. Their performance might well be the determining factor. The Canberra will probably be the highest flying aircraft in the contest. They might be as high as 55,000 feet.

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Potentialities Of Air Cargo Services: Atlantic Franchise

By A. JAMES PAYNE

"Just a few weeks ago, the British Government recognised the need for trans-Atlantic freight service by granting a franchise to Airwork, Ltd., an independent carrier, to operate between London, Canada and the United States in competition with the Government-owned British Overseas Airways Corporation.

"By way of contrast, this franchise was granted less than five months after the carrier filed its application."

The above was a comment by Mr Raymond A. Norden, president of American Seaboard and Western Airlines, in his address to the Mariners' Club of New York on domestic and international air freight.

These remarks open up trends in international air transport for interesting review. Have the United States carriers underestimated British potential in the business of air freight, or reckoned the Conservative Government's policy of less nationalisation and more free enterprise to be, in effect, too weak to permit genuine competition with the nationalised air corporations?

I have for long considered that American cargo carriers might have had a distorted view of the real problems of their future. On the face of it, they might be forgiven for looking at the prospects and concluding that the only immediate supply of aircraft for the business are in their own backyards, and generally not available to foreign competitors. The problem, therefore, to the U.S. cargo carrier would be in harmony with the American national tradition of free enterprise, competition to stimulate the service motive, and, above all, against monopolies. I believe the U.S. Civil Aeronautics Administration, in its spirit of competition, if not the letter, in its declared purpose of an Act to foster the growth of civil aviation.

C.A.B. RULINGS

The U.S. Civil Aeronautics Board may or may not be the exception that proves the rule in the American tradition, but it can hardly be loved by Pan American Airways for its rulings on franchise and its tardy action in the growing Seaboard and Western Airlines all-cargo concern might, with some justification, look to C.A.B. for some useful certification to pursue their new and promising calling.

It may well be that in the battle of these powerful domestic interests, Seaboard and Western have plenty of immediate problems on their plate. I would suggest, however, that their long-term, long-range problem is the potential European and Commonwealth competition in general, and British in particular. This is a factor which does not so easily escape the old and wily U.S. passenger-carrying airlines whose neglect of air cargo may be more apparent than real.

Interest in the future of Seaboard and Western is quickened at this time because, although the company applied for a certificate to conduct all-cargo operations, without a subsidy across the North Atlantic, in July, 1947, at the present time, almost six years later, hearings in this proceeding are being held before the Civil Aeronautics Board in Washington.

In 1947, the year in which U.S. trans-Atlantic air freight carrying was initiated, a total of 12 million freight-ton miles were flown by all American carriers. The figures for 1952 are not available as yet, but a reasonable estimate would put the traffic for last year at between 45 and 48 million ton-miles. This is the particular operational sphere with which Mr Norden is concerned.

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The growth is particularly noteworthy in light of the fact that the U.S. Government, as yet, has not granted a certificate for trans-Atlantic operation to an all-freight carrier. As a result, the Seaboard and Western Company, which is the only American all-freight carrier to provide cargo service on the Atlantic route consistently since 1947, has been limited in the development of its business by artificial restraints on its operations.

Mr Norden is flying a flag in this respect, certain to attract sympathy if not disciples because, like the B.O.A.C., the U.S. passenger carriers certificated to operate on this route have been unwilling or unable to develop the freight business, or both. Between 1949 and the end of 1952, Mr Norden contends the share of freight flown by United States certificated passenger carriers dropped from 81 per cent to 30 per cent. Conversely the share of Western Europe, in particular, have greatly surpassed the freight business as a lucrative source of revenue.

The figure given in support of this is that the share of all-freight flights made by foreign flag carriers increased from 19 per cent in 1949 to 70 per cent in 1952. In 1951, foreign flag carriers made a total of 339 trans-Atlantic freight flights, mostly by K.L.M. (Royal Dutch Airlines) and the Scandinavian Airlines System, which contrasts with a total of nine made by U.S. certificated passenger carriers, Pan American and T.W.A. In the same year, the Seaboard and Western Company made 174 freight crossings. I conclude this was mostly Service business.

GIVE AND TAKE

It would seem that in Great Britain those concerned in air transport should and, I gather, in general, do, take great comfort from the progressive view of the present Government in respect of the development of national aviation by the means best suited to the purpose. There is disagreement between the two State-owned corporations and independent operators, but it is of the nature of the spirit of competition, if not the letter, in its declared purpose of an Act to foster the growth of civil aviation.

It is in this respect that the American independents may well underestimate the potential of British competition. It would be a mistake to suggest that in backing an organisation and volume the British independents outweigh their American counterparts. We must not, however, conclude that the British independent condition is completely healthy. It is far from it, and the reason is equipment. Great Britain has failed badly in the matter of transport equipment by more than five years, and a workmanlike long-range aircraft is still lacking.

The experience of Seaboard and Western in long-range air freight is valuable, potent and dangerous to British air transport enterprise. They know what they have and know what they want in respect of equipment, and will, in my opinion, get both equipment and a solid franchise to operate. A franchise to British operators, without the essential prime movers, is like having a marriage certificate without the partner to go with it.

THE NOMAD ENGINE

In view of the case presented in this column for the British Nomad compound engine of diesel and gas turbine, I would quote Mr Norden's opinions on this subject, with which I am in full agreement, except that he should have specified the Nomad as the only engine coming within 30 per cent of his well-argued requirements.

He predicted that the turbo-prop-powered aircraft would be the next major development in the carriage of cargo, and added that the new Super-Constellation all-freight aircraft, four of which they have on order, are being built with provision for installation of turbo-prop engines. "Turbine jet transports cannot compete favourably on a ton-mile cost basis with conventional freight aircraft currently in production," he asserted.

In pointing out that jet operation involves a sacrifice of payload for fuel, he made the point that this sacrifice may be worthwhile in a luxury passenger operation where speed and comfort are major considerations. Payload and operating cost combine to dictate the basic economics of a subsidised freight operation.

A FRANCHISE

The British all-cargo position summarised is that the independent company Airwork has a Government franchise to operate the North Atlantic, to have B.O.A.C., who has had to buy American Constellation, and

Stratocruisers. Airwork, which has the resources, must also buy U.S. aircraft if it is to implement its franchise.

There is an alternative, which has been argued before in this column and could be made available, whereby Great Britain could take the real lead in world air transport.

Every British production facility should be geared to the production of Bristol Britannia aircrafts to be fitted with the engine best suited for the job—turbo-prop for long-range freight. If this were achieved, Great Britain would perhaps, in Coronation year, prove that the British can fly the Atlantic non-stop with more aircraft, at less cost per ton-mile and at higher speed than American aircraft. Otherwise the British undertakings have to use American aircraft.

New Compound In Electrical Field

New York, Apr. 20. Battelle Memorial Institute of Columbus, Ohio, announced development of a low-cost aluminium-antimony compound for use in many electrical items.

The Institute said aluminium-antimony can act as an electrical switch under exposure to light and that it can be used to convert light to electrical energy. This may make it useful in photo-electric cells for automatic door openers, number-counting devices and the like.—Associated Press.

Trend Away From Big Government Towards Incentive

New York, Apr. 20.

The move to get government out of business is getting up steam. And at the same time the move to encourage business by incentive tax-cuts seems a little closer to reality.

Actions on both sides of the Atlantic Ocean point up the trend away from big government and toward more reliance on individuals and private business to do the job when the incentives are there.

The rubber industry and the private electric power industry are the latest to have their hopes aroused. President Dwight D. Eisenhower has given his blessing to the plan to sell U.S. government-owned synthetic rubber plants to private companies for production of this wartime essential and highly successful peacetime commodity.

Former President Herbert Hoover is urging that the government halt its inroads into the electric power business and put its reliance on private initiative and competition. Bankers and investors have already seen the relaxing of the U.S. Treasury's hold on interest rates and cheap money, and the return of management of money and credit supply to the Federal Reserve Bank. The heavily over-subscribed new long-term U.S. government bond issue offered last week is the latest in several steps in this direction.

Earlier, too, were the ending of price and wage controls, and the relaxing of most material controls.

SLOW BUT STEADY

Business, finance and industry thus are working back toward the free economy of an earlier period. Through periods of war and depression the government steadily moved into business. It built and operated plants. It is a sort of guaranteeing partner of the farmer and the home builder. For a time it was the sole purchaser and seller of such commodities as tin and rubber. It provided the steel industry with building more mills by threatening to build government steel plants.

Radio Equipment For Pakistan

Canberra, Apr. 20. Arrangements have been completed for Australia to supply Pakistan with A2050,000 worth of radio and telecommunications equipment under the Colombo Plan, the External Affairs Minister, Mr Richard Casey, announced tonight. He said some of the equipment would be delivered soon and the remainder next year.—Reuter.

New Venture A Possibility

San Francisco, Apr. 20. Alaska Juncos Gold Mining Company may start wood pulp manufacturing, President C. A. Norris, informed stockholders in the annual report. The company's Alaska mining operations have been shut down since 1944.

Director have prepared the way for pulp operations by granting a short term condition option on some of the company's physical assets, including power plants.

If a pulp company is formed, Norris said, the mining company would receive a minority but substantial and equitable stockholders' interest. The pulp company also would agree to supply Alaska Juncos with electric power as needed if and when mining operations are resumed. A pulp plant probably would be situated close to Juncos and Douglas.

The company had a net loss of \$172,004 last year after sales of power and other items. This was charged to earned surplus which totalled \$1,816,170 at the year-end. The company also had an earned surplus of \$3,883,212 from revaluation of ore deposits back in 1913.—Associated Press.

JUTE CIRCLES JUBILANT

New York, Apr. 20. The removal of the "discriminatory" two rupee eight anna duty paid by India on every 80 pounds of jute she buys from Pakistan, as the result of the Indian-Pakistan trade agreement, has caused jubilation in jute circles here. These circles pointed out that this means India can now buy jute from Pakistan at more reasonable terms. Indian purchasers are understood to be on the verge of waiting an all-out battle against other jute merchants.—France-Press.

Effect Of Air Transport On British Shipping

It has not passed unnoticed in British shipping circles that successive reports of shipowners' representative organisations have not contained any reference to the subject of air competition, although last year it was made keener by the introduction of tourist travel, which is to be considerably extended this year.

Nor has air competition been referred to lately by speakers at these organisations' annual meetings, says the Liverpool Journal of Commerce.

By and large, then, the subject might almost be said to have been deliberately avoided by owners, though this, of course, should not be construed as indicating that they are adopting an ostrich-like attitude to competition from a young and vigorous rival.

The answer is probably that post-war conditions as regards trans-ocean transport have been too unsettled for the effects of air competition upon shipping accurately to be gauged. Hardly a year has passed since the end of the war without there being held in one part of Europe or another some outstanding event which has attracted visitors from near and far.

In addition to this, of course, there has been migration from Europe on a fairly large scale and travel has been stimulated by other post-war phenomena.

THREE FACTS

There are, however, three facts about which no one connected with shipping should be complacent.

These are, first, that the short history of both passenger and cargo transport by air has been one of continuous and exceptionally rapid expansion; second, that the costs of air transport tend to decline whilst those of shipping tend to increase; and, third, that although most Governments seem ever-ready to encourage air transport's development, some appear to be becoming increasingly reluctant to assist merchant shipping, either directly or indirectly.

Yet, whilst official spokesmen for the British shipping industry have been reluctant to make any pronouncement on competition from the air, remarks which have been made by individual owners have indicated that there is diversity of opinion.

VARYING VIEWS

Some owners have said, in effect, that shipping has nothing to fear from the air, whilst others have expressed the opposite view.

To some extent this may perhaps be attributable to individual experiences on different routes or trades.

On some, air transport may not as yet have made its mark, as it were, whilst on others it may be properly established, as on the North Atlantic routes and English Channel and Irish Sea crossings for example, where increasing air traffic may already be providing operators with ample reason for serious thought.

It would be interesting to hear the considered views of shipowners on this question, even though, as we have mentioned, they may not yet be in a position accurately to assess prospects. Certainly, airline operators have not sought to conceal their optimism, and in the opinion of many connected with the British aircraft industry, in both the building and operating spheres, this country is already in the process of transformation from a seafaring to an airfaring nation.

This is an exaggerated view, for which there is no justification.

Belgian Congo Prospects

New York, Apr. 20. L. O. Amey, Economic Adviser to the Banque Belge d'Afrique, forecast a steady economic growth for the Belgian Congo.

He told a meeting of New York business executives that Africa, especially the central area, has gained steadily as a producer of essential materials for the Western world since World War II. This growth, Amey said, should continue for many years on the basis of world industry needs of raw materials for consumer production as well as for re-armament. Strong, long-term demand is indicated, he added, particularly for minerals.

Principal minerals of the Congo are copper, tin, cobalt, platinum, uranium, silver, gold and diamonds. The Congo, Amey said, should become a large importer of capital goods of all types as development of its raw materials progresses.—Associated Press.

OIL WAR IN JAPAN FORECAST

Tokyo, Apr. 20.

Foreign oil interests will start a "cut-throat dumping war" in Japan next month when the 18,000 tons of cheap Iranian oil arrives here from Abadan, the newspaper Yomiuri reported today.

The paper said the big British oil interest represented by Shell Petroleum in Japan is planning to outsell Iranian oil, and undermining the business of its buyer, the Idemitsu Kosan Company.

Yomiuri said the American oil interests now controlling more than half of Japan's oil business will not sit idly by and watch its market wrecked by the British, and will naturally fight back with "dumping". American oil interests are represented largely by Caltex and Mobil Oil here.

Japan lacks oil resources, and is dependent on foreign oil. Ninety per cent of the oil consumed here is imported from America and Arabia and refined at Japanese refineries. Both Shell and Caltex have made large investments in Japanese refineries.

The Idemitsu Kosan Company, one of the large oil importers and wholesalers in Japan, has recently bought refined oil from the National Oil Company of Iran.

The National Oil Company took over the Abadan refinery after Iran nationalised the huge British assets of the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company in May 1951. The British have been trying to stop the sale of Iranian oil as "illegal."

ONLY RETALIATION

Yomiuri said, however, the British see little or no chance of seizing the 18,774-ton tanker "Jussu Maru" belonging to Idemitsu Kosan on the high seas or of pressing the Japanese government to "freeze" the 18,000 tons of Iranian oil upon its arrival here. The only retaliation open to the British is to undercut and wreck any business of Idemitsu Kosan, Yomiuri said.

Idemitsu Kosan told the Associated Press it bought the "cheaper and better Iranian oil at its own risk." It said the Japanese government allocated a U.S. dollar quota allowing Idemitsu Kosan to buy "oil wherever it liked." "The government cannot do anything against us so long as the present regulations remain in force," Idemitsu Kosan said.

Yomiuri said one American trader noted as a go-between man in the deal between Idemitsu Kosan and Iran.

The paper also pointed out that British and American oil interests have never been friendly in Japan.

"Shell once almost succeeded in buying the huge oil refinery of the Imperial Navy now idle at Yokohama in Central Japan, but the Japanese government held up the sales order at the 11th hour," Yomiuri said.—Associated Press.

New Agency Created

Washington, Apr. 20. The U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, Ezra Taft Benson, has created a new Agriculture Department agency to promote foreign buying of surplus American farm products.

It will take over the functions and personnel of the old Office of Foreign Agricultural Relations which has largely been limited to collecting information.

The new agency is named the Foreign Agricultural Service. Romeo E. Short, former Vice-President of the American Farm Bureau Federation, was named director.—Associated Press.

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WEEK-END GIRL PILOTS (at 1/6 an hour) TRAIN TO AID THE RAF Briefing-From The Chief



CADET PILOT Miriam Gilbert (left) and Pilot Officer Eileen Towers are about to fly a Tiger Moth. Miss Gilbert, a Doctor of Physics, works at the BBC television research station. Pilot Officer Towers of Brighton pooled her savings with friends to buy an airplane.

Office girls, fashion girls pile up their flying hours

FIVE days a week Mrs Valerie Robinson, slim, 28-year-old blonde, boards a No. 18 bus opposite her flat in Gray's Inn Road for the Cheapside underwear house where she works as a model.

But at week-ends, as Pilot Officer Robinson, she is likely to be at the controls of a Tiger Moth or a Chipmunk training aeroplane high above the Surrey hills. Or, if the weather is too bad for flying, sitting in a classroom listening to a lecture on navigation, meteorology, or some other flying subject.

Working housewife Valerie Robinson is one of the small band of women "week-end pilots" of the Women's Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve who would be called up if war broke out.

There are about 40 of these girls at the Reserve Flying Schools in various parts of the country.

Some are fully qualified pilots with hundreds of flying hours behind them, others are comparative beginners.

by JAMES STUART

FERRY JOBS
THOUGH reports from Korea indicate that some Chinese women are flying the Commun-

ists' ultra-fast MIG.15 jet fighters, the RAF's reserve girl pilots are not likely to engage in high-altitude, high-speed combats.

In war they would probably fly RAF communications aircraft or ferry aeroplanes from the factories to the operational squadrons—as some of them did in the last war.

Valerie Robinson is one of the eight girl pilots on the strength of No. 15 Reserve Flying School, Redhill, Surrey. At the same school, operated by a civil air company for the Air Ministry, there are 373 men pilots and navigators, mostly war-time RAF men.

One of the men is Mrs Robinson's husband, a war-time fighter pilot.

"We met here at Redhill, and we were married eight months ago," Mrs Robinson told me. But the instructors, I noticed, were still apt to call her Miss Newport.

100 HOURS

WHEN Mrs Robinson got the urge to fly, five years ago, she learned at Denham. Later she flew at the Redhill Flying Club (who use the same airfield as the Reserve Flying School) and when she had completed 100 hours in the air she joined the VR. Since then she has done another 100 hours' flying.

The VR does not take new pilots, men or women, until they have an "A" licence—which means about 40 hours' flying at a cost to themselves of between £100 and £150. But once they become reserve pilots they are paid for their flying instead of having to pay the £2 10s. or £3 10s. an hour which the flying clubs charge.

Pilot Officer Jean Bird, who lives in a caravan on the airfield at Redhill (when she is not away flying) is one of Britain's most experienced airwomen. A First Officer in the wartime Air Transport Auxiliary, she has flown nearly 3,000 hours in Service type aeroplanes of scores of different kinds, and many more hours in civil aircraft.

She has flown, as a ferry pilot, big bombers and fast fighters. Now she is a "freelance" professional pilot.

LANE LANDING

MARY GUTHRIE, too was in the ATA. This slim, 30-year-old blonde Pilot Officer, who shares a Chelsea flat with a girl friend, was a hostess in the now defunct British South American Airways.

In 1947 she was one of a small band of pilots chosen to fly ex-RAF aircraft to Portugal for the Portuguese Air Force, and she had a narrow escape when flying a 400 m.p.h. Spitfire fighter. She had to force-land the Spitfire in a gravel lane at Tilehurst, near Reading. The aircraft struck a tree and both wings were ripped off. Mary was dazed, but uninjured. Her flying experience covers 24 different types of aeroplanes and about 700 hours in the air.

"Now," she told me as she climbed into the cockpit of a Tiger Moth, "I earn my living in the fashion world."

'TOO EXPENSIVE'

BRUNETTE Miriam Gilbert, of Reigate, had her initiation into flying in engine-less sailing planes at the Redhill Gliding Club.

Pilot Officer Towers (tried unsuccessfully) to get into the ATA when she was 17. Undaunted, she learned to fly at Shoreham Airport after the war. "But I found civilian flying too expensive," she said.



CHIEF FLYING INSTRUCTOR Squadron Leader E. P. Lamb, A.F.C., briefs the girl pilots for a cross-country training flight. They have to do 40 hours' flying a year—about half during their fortnight's annual training and the rest spread over week-ends. They do another 72 hours' ground training and lectures.



MRS. VALERIE ROBINSON (left) and ex-ferry pilot Mary Guthrie train in a Tiger Moth.



CADET PILOT Mavis Johnston, aged 19, climbs into the front seat of a Chipmunk.

Mavis Johnston, who lives at Euston Road, West Croydon, is the "baby" of the Redhill air girls. Aged 19, she works in a Finchurch Street insurance office.

SO KEEN
I ASKED Squadron Leader Edward Lamb, the chief flying instructor, what he thought of girl pupils. He turned up: "Some are better than the men, others about the same. You get roughly the same cross-section. They are just as keen and just as able as the average reservist."

That was the voice of 28 years' experience of flying and 13 years as an instructor.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Don't feed him every time he whimpers! Do you want the dog to be as spoiled as the baby is?"

Dulles Looks For Quick Truce Talks Result WANTS EARLY POLITICAL DISCUSSIONS

Washington, Apr. 20.
Mr John Foster Dulles, the Secretary of State, said today that he hoped the Korean Truce talks to be resumed next Friday would not be long dissociated from the political discussions.

He said he hoped the truce talks would lead to a quick result.

Mr Dulles began his statements on Korea at his weekly press conference, by saying that he believed the United Nations should try as far as was practicable to ensure that a political discussion should coincide with the military armistice talks so that the political talks could not be postponed indefinitely.

If it were apparent that there was no possibility of political agreement, he said, it might have a bearing on the conclusion of an armistice.

He said the Government was concerned in the Korean war might make known their view on a political settlement in the Far East before the conclusion of an Armistice.

Asked whether his statement meant he was in favour of political discussions beginning before the Armistice talks were completed, Mr Dulles replied that theoretically this could be the case, but as a practical measure it would be extremely difficult.

He added that it was possible for the Government to make known their view about a political settlement just as President Eisenhower, for example, had done.

UN DOCUMENT

Mr Dulles also said that any truce agreement would be a United Nations document and not solely a United States document, and that the United States could not alone eliminate the provision that political talks should follow an armistice agreement within three months.

Mr Dulles was asked if the United States favoured the partitioning of Korea, about 100 miles north of the 38th Parallel.

He replied that the American Government policy continued to be based on the reunification of Korea, as laid down in the United Nations resolutions from 1947 onwards.

He denied that the Eisenhower Administration favoured any other policy and denied that consideration had been given to any partition of Korea.

From a military standpoint, he said, the 100 miles wide waist to the north of the Parallel was always thought to have been a better defence position than the present battline or even the 38th Parallel. It was later disclosed that the reports arose from a discussion between Mr Dulles and a group of correspondents. The White House said the Government regarded the permanent partition of Korea as neither desirable nor feasible.

Replying to another question, Mr Dulles said that as far as he was aware Britain held no discussions with the United States on these reports.

Mr Dulles was asked what American policy would be if an armistice was signed and the Chinese and North Korean Communists later refused to agree to free elections and the reunification of Korea.

He replied that the refusals were not always permanent. He said sometimes the points of view of the Communists could change unexpectedly, and he gave as an example the "unexpected" agreement by the Communists to exchange sick and wounded prisoners of war.

He said changes in the attitude of the Soviet Communist regime were unpredictable and it was never wise permanently to abandon hope.

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Indo-China, France, French North and West Africa, 4.30 p.m. Air Vietnam, 6 p.m.	TAC, 6 p.m. as Lee Hong/Tak Shing.
Wednesday, April 22	
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Philippines, Guam, Hawaii, USA, Canada, 8 a.m. 45 Field Post Office, Indo-China, Malaysia, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, 8 a.m. C.F.A., Formosa, Japan, 8 a.m. Middle East, Africa, Greece, Britain and Ireland, 8 a.m. USA, (New York), Canada, 6 p.m. R.C.A./N.W.A., Japan, 9 p.m. B.O.A.C.	

SPECTACULAR PARADE

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que) Field Battery, paraded with 25-pounder guns. They were followed by the 27 HAA Regiment, Royal Artillery, and the 32 Medium Regiment, the 45 Field Regiment, the 72 LAA Regiment, the 27 Light Battery (Strategic Company) and the 170 Light Battalion, all moving slowly to the tune of the Regimental "Slow March."

Infantry Carriers of the 1st Battalion, The Royal Norfolk Regiment, the 1st Battalion The Dorset Regiment, 1st Battalion The Welch Regiment and the 1st Battalion Royal Ulster Rifles brought up the rear.

Three Spitfires of the Hongkong Auxiliary Air Force led the Royal Air Force fly past, followed by twelve Hornets of 80 Squadron, and twelve Vampires of 28 Squadron.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. 8.30, Music from Opera: London Studio Melodics—Glennie Torch and his Orch. With Ronald Chesney (Harmonica) (H.K.C.B.) 8.35, Classics in Jazz—Jazz Combo; 9, Bernard Braden in "On the Eve of a New Day"; 9.15, From the German by David Porter, Produced by J. A. Harding. Music is served: 9.30, Variety Highlights; 9.45, Ray Martin and his Orchestra; 10, Time Signal, and Programme Summary; 10.02, Harmony; 10.15, First Hearing presented by Donald Brooks; 10.30, Demi-tour, France (Studio); 10.50, Weather Report; 11, Time Signal, World News and News Talk (London Relay); 11.15, Piano Playtime by Kenneth Dinsley (Concert Hall); 11.30, 500, Favorites; 11.45, London Relay; 12, Musical Notebook presented by The Rev. Father J. J. Ryan; 12.30, A Programme in Honour of the Birthday of H. M. Queen Elizabeth, including some historical recordings of H. M. the Queen and H. R. H. the Duke of Edinburgh (Studio); 12.45, London Philharmonic Orch. cond. by Sir Edward Elgar; 10.15, Promenade Concert, Sadler's Wells Orch. cond. by Charles Mackerras; 1.15, News Report; 1.30, Radio News Reel (London Relay); 1.45, Goodnight Music; 2, Save the Queen; 2.15, News Reel.

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JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

A PROBLEM FOR IVY

HER surname was one of those troublesome foreign tongue-twisters that make policemen wish they had never asked for that particular, and cause learned clerks and gaolers to pronounce them as though they were reading aloud from a copy of Pravda held upside-down.

Her first name, however, was Ivy, and the voice in which she answered the charge against her at Bow Street was unmistakably that of a Londoner. In several respects, the case against Ivy was unusual. For one thing, the charges to which she pleaded guilty seemed to have been made out by an accountant, for they were detailed to a fraction of a penny; for another, Ivy's troubles were really caused by over-conscientiousness both on her own part and that of her husband, a P.O.C.

HOME HELP

ON the face of it, the pair of them had fewer problems than many people have who appear in the dock at Bow Street. They were happily married, had a four-year-old daughter, they paid only 8s. 6d. a week for their three-room flat, and there was good money coming into the home.

Ivy's husband brought back 27 a week from his labouring job, and she herself earned 25 a week.

Ivy's job was as a home help. She was paid to visit elderly, invalid people and attend to their

household chores for them. She visited three old-age pensioners every day.

Unfortunately, minding other people's homes left her little time to attend to her own household, and her husband, a stickler for neatness and tidiness, occasionally upbraided her for not keeping her own home as spotless and span as he would have liked.

IN A CLEFT STICK

AND worse, although money was not really short, Ivy somehow got into debt. She was in a cleft stick, therefore. She could give up going out to work, and pay more attention to her own home to please her husband; but if she did she would never raise money to pay off the small but increasingly urgent debts.

The problem seemed hopeless, and Ivy gave it long thought, and at last she hit upon a solution. Instead of visiting three old-age pensioners each day, she only went to the home of one, leaving the others to get on as best they might without her aid, and claiming payment for working for all three.

Her trick was soon discovered and she was brought to Bow Street and charged with obtaining by false pretences, sums of 4s. 4d., 4s. 10s. 9d., and 8s. 9d.

THIS IS BETTER

BUT when Mr Frank Milton, the magistrate, asked her whether she did not think it mean to deprive old people this of her services, she did not answer, but just sullenly regarded him and remained silent.

Mr Milton remanded Ivy for a week in custody, so that a probation officer in the part of London where she lived, might report upon her.

When Ivy next appeared, the magistrate had this report before him. He read it through, then turned to Miss Hamilton, Bow Street's probation officer, who had also seen Ivy, and said to her: "This is rather better than we might have expected, isn't it?"

5s. A WEEK

"It is," Miss Hamilton agreed, for the report spoke of the efforts Ivy and her husband had made, to keep their home a credit to themselves.

"I do realise now, how mean it was of me," said Ivy, a dark, pale woman, who looked older than her 23 years.

"It was, very," said the magistrate, "and I could see no signs last week that you were sorry. You'll have to pay the money back. But I know you're in financial difficulties, and I'm not going to make it an oppressive task."

"You will pay back 6s. a week, which will remind you for some time of what you have done."

He put Ivy on probation, and she went off with a troubled look to seek again the elusive answer to the problem of how to live up to her husband's high ideals and yet earn enough to be able to afford them.

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